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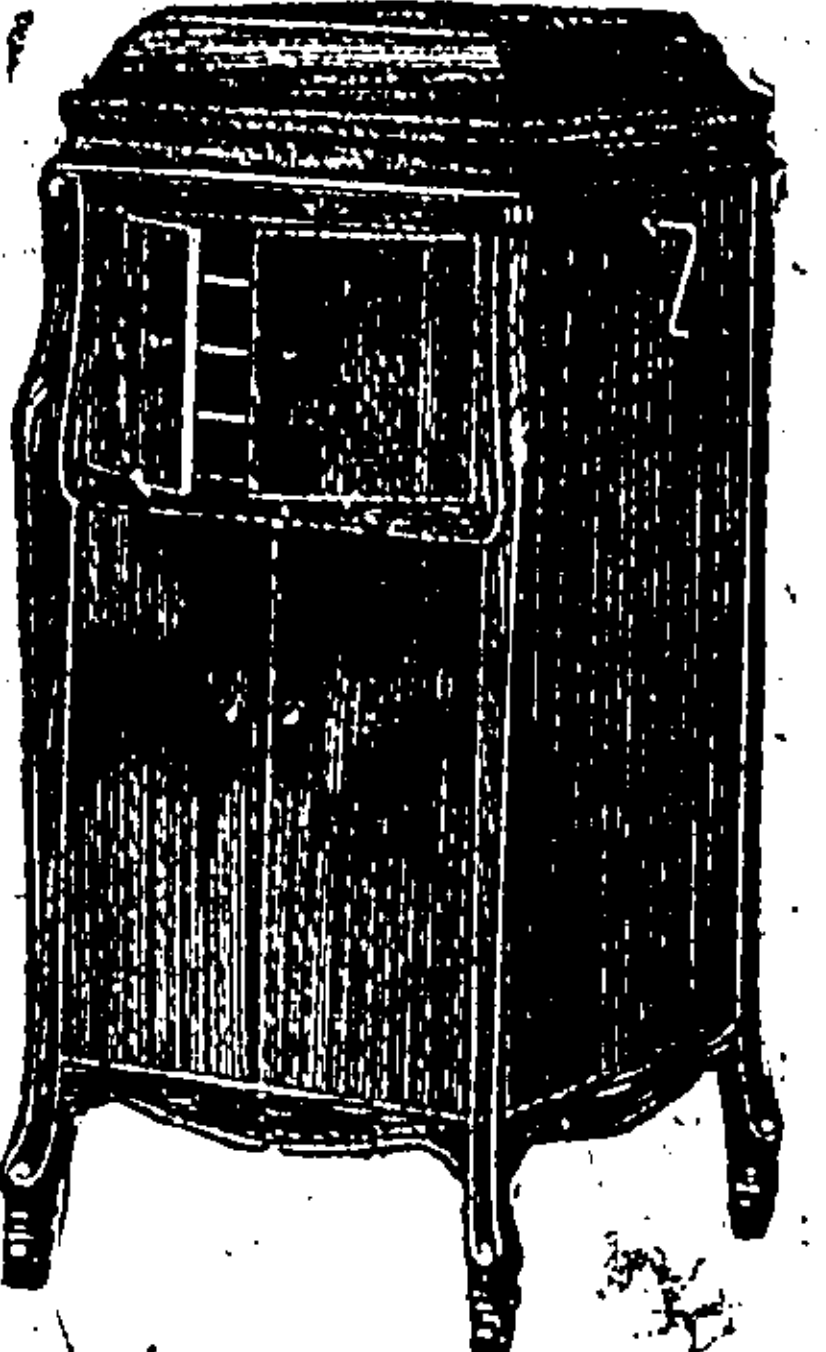
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BRITAIN'S GRAVE WARNING.

POSSIBLE GERMAN COLLAPSE.

DANGERS OF DESPERATION.
PREMIER FEARS EARLY CRISIS.
FRENCH POLICY REMAINS UNSHAKEN.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

Discussing the French and Belgian replies to the British draft note suggesting that negotiations should be resumed with Germany, the Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, uttered a grave warning regarding the possibility of German collapse and promised to summon Parliament if a crisis arose.



LONDON, August 2.
In the House of Lords, the Foreign Minister, Lord Curzon, disclosed the contents of the recent British draft reply. This expressed the opinion that it would be advantageous to agree to the German proposal for an impartial examination, but in co-operation with the Reparations Commission, of Germany's capacity to pay.

The draft pointed out that the German offer of guarantees did not mention stabilisation of the mark or balancing of the budget. The draft said that guarantees were ineffective unless some form of international control over German financial administration were provided.

The draft concluded by advising Germany immediately to withdraw the ordinances which had fomented the passive resistance policy and to disavow sabotage.

Cordial But Evasive.
The draft then expressed the belief that the occupation powers in the Ruhr would then reconsider the position with a view to resumption of normal conditions in German industrial life.

The covering notes to the Allies elaborated the British views in this connection and urged inter-Ally discussions without delay.

The French and Belgian replies were couched in a cordial spirit, but they did not mention the draft British reply.

Mr. Baldwin's statement in the House of Commons was identical with the foregoing.

Sounding Public Opinion.

LONDON, August 2.
In the House of Lords, Lord Birkenhead, following Lord Curzon, suggested giving the French every chance with their policy and advised the withdrawal of our army of occupation and our reparations commissioner.

Lord Curzon, replying, dissented. He contended that the former was our only guarantee under the treaty to ensure that Germany met her obligations. The latter was an unwise step and might do a deal of harm. It was not fair to ask what the Government was going to do before it had gathered public opinion from the promised publication of the papers. If that question were put now, he did not know that he could answer it.

Premier's Warning.

LONDON, August 2.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Baldwin, replying to the debate, emphasised that British interests were involved not less than those of Belgium and France. He elucidated the effects of the Ruhr situation on world trade and uttered a grave warning as regards the possibility of German collapse, and the effects of a surrender forced by desperation.

The Government would continue to strive to bring together the Allied forces to secure a just settlement. If a crisis arose, Parliament would be called.

Mr. Baldwin concluded by expressing a desire to maintain warm friendship with France.

Labour's Support.

LONDON, August 2.
The outstanding features of the speech made by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, who followed Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in the House of Commons, were hearty endorsement of the Government's decision to pursue its own policy and severe condemnation of the French policy.

The Leader of the Opposition made a pointed allusion to the omission of a reference in the French and Belgian replies to the British draft. He hoped that this was not more than an oversight.

Warlike Feeling.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald proceeded to point out that the British conception of the alliance was co-operation, not one in which any partners could claim control concerning their own interests. He asserted that no sane man would now believe that France was in the Ruhr for the purpose of getting reparations, but rather was permeated by a warlike feeling.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald proceeded to examine the internal conditions of France which he declared were much better than those of England. He ques-

tioned the desirability of obtaining reparations from Germany and inquired what the Government's next step would be.

Dwelling on the urgency for action, he attached great importance to securing Germany's admission into the League of Nations, notwithstanding French opposition. He concluded by warmly encouraging the Government in the adoption of a positive policy.

French Reply.

PARIS, August 2.
A summary of the French reply to the British note has been published. It deals with the points raised in the British note and declares readiness to investigate immediately with the British Government the German proposal of June 7. At the question of passive resistance must be settled before anything else is touched. The occupied territory will be evacuated *pari passu* with Germany's payments. As soon as passive resistance ceases the occupation will be made as lenient as possible, but until passive resistance ceases France cannot discuss any modifications of the mode of occupation with Germany.

As regards the proposed conference of experts, the French Government asks whether such a body would be better than the Reparation Commission.

Security.

As regards the British proposal for a complete Allied plan for a general definitive financial settlement, the reply recalls that such a plan already exists and the Reparation Commission has all the powers necessary to enforce its application.

The reply suggests that it would be contrary to the treaty to reopen the principle of settlement and fixing the total figure. It asks what Britain means by a general definitive settlement and whether that includes inter-Ally debts.

Referring to the question of security, the note says the French Government is always ready to discuss this, but the question is independent of the occupation of the Ruhr and must be dealt with separately.

French Official Opinion.

PARIS, August 2.
Official quarters emphasise that the French Reply leaves all doors open for further negotiations. They consider that Mr. Baldwin's statement contains no suggestion of a break and its moderate tone paves the way for further conversations.

HOW IT FAILED.

FRENCH BANK JUDICIAL INQUIRY.

OFFICIALS SENTENCED.

INEXACT BALANCE SHEET ISSUED.

PARIS, August 2.

Under the Banque Industrielle de Chine sentences, André Berthelot is fined 3,000 francs; M. Pernotte is sent to prison for three months and fined 3,000 francs; Perchet is fined 350 francs; and Decerenville, Pallu, Loste and the engineer Chautarg are fined 300 francs each.

The directors Frezouls, Favareilles and Meijhan are acquitted.

LATER.

The judgment declares that the original failure of the Banque was due to faults of the administration. When the capital was increased the second time it was irregular to issue shares, but the position was subsequently regularised. The plaintiffs' claims for damages were dismissed, but those mentioned were held responsible for the issue and were sentenced accordingly, Pernotte being also found guilty of the negotiation of irregular shares.

Berthelot was found guilty of the distribution of fictitious dividends and Pernotte of complicity.

The judgment points out that the balance sheet in 1919 was inexact, since it included irrecoverable credits. Consequently the plaintiffs' demands concerning the distribution of fictitious dividends were admitted, provided the shareholders acquired shares before January 25, 1921, the date when the position of the Banque became publicly known.

The tribunal appointed an accountant to prepare a statement regarding the damages due to the plaintiffs in this connection.

André Berthelot, former figure head of the Banque, is a brother of Philippe Berthelot, once powerful head of the French Foreign Office who was disgraced through his attempts to save the Banque. Pernotte was formerly Chief Manager of the Banque which owed its formation to his enterprise and industry.

NAVAL WORKS.

DUTCH EAST INDIES QUERY.

LONDON, Aug. 2.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. E. D. Morel (Labour), Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty, declared that no discussions had occurred between the British and Dutch Governments as regards certain projected naval strategic works in the Dutch East Indies.

PLATINUM MONOPOLY.

MOSCOW, Aug. 2.

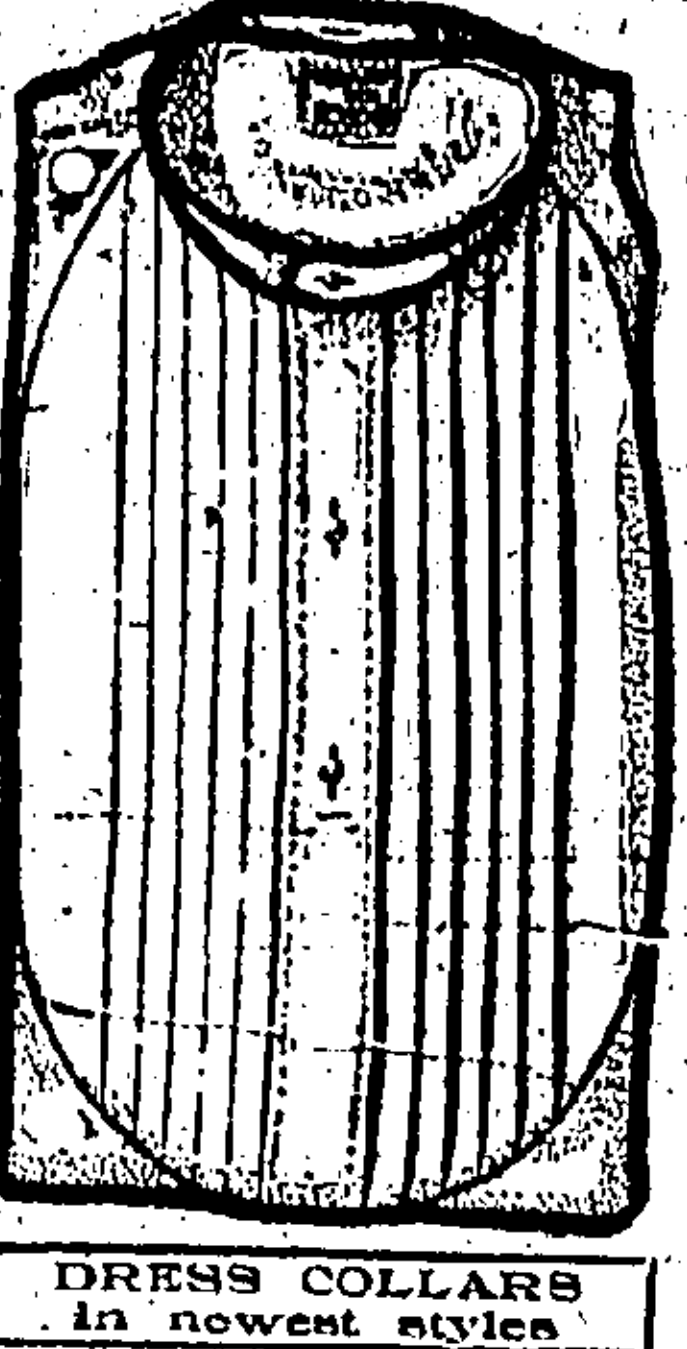
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GERMAN DISCOUNT RATE.

BERLIN, Aug. 2.

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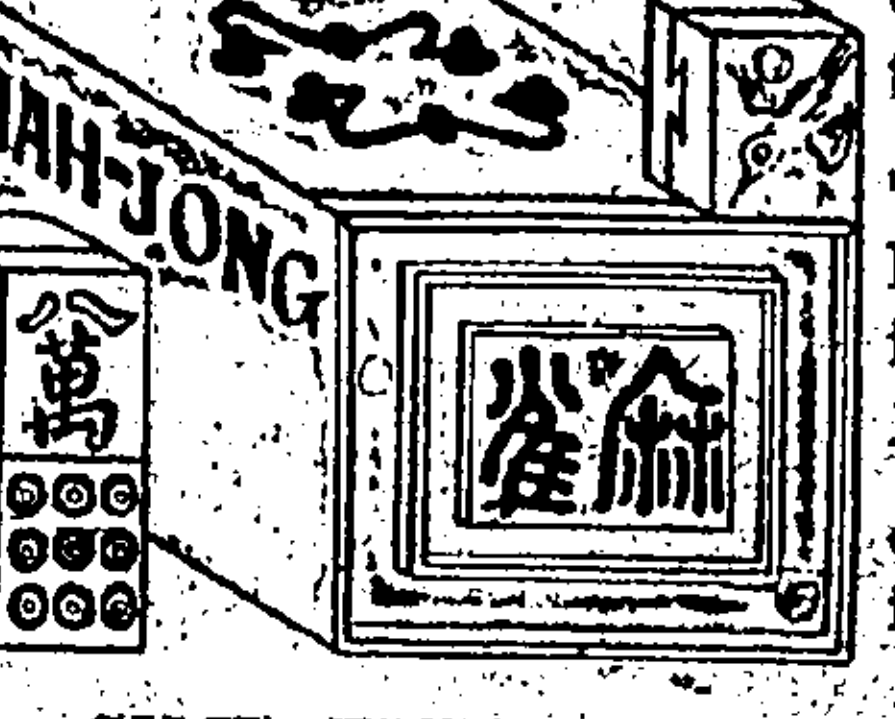
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FUTURE WARFARE.

THE PROSPECT OF SCIENTIFIC HORRORS.

Sir Herbert Russell has contributed the following to a home paper:

As far back as I can remember it has been a commonplace remark that war was getting such a horrible business as to be almost impossible. We have not found this idea borne out by experience, and on the principle that human nature never really changes one hesitates to accept the desirable belief that we ever shall. But within the past few years the horrible aspects of the "heavily armed" have developed to such a degree that the prospect of the conditions under which the next great struggle will take place is an appalling one indeed.

THE OLD GLAMOUR.

Men were formerly attracted into the fighting services by a romantic glamour which is flickering out. The Army appealed to them with its brilliant uniforms, its martial music, its open life. The Navy, which has changed infinitely less, is still a calling of spacious fancies. Almost down to the end of last century war remained a picturesque affair. It was still predominantly a business of strategy, of surprises, of open field tactics or of siege operations, of fort storming, and of cavalry charges.

In fact, it was essentially a man's job. Now it is a business of material, incidentally demanding more bravery than ever. Napoleon was the greatest soldier in history—in his own time and environment. What could he have done on the Western Front? A solitary aeroplane could have neutralized any effort at a masterly coup. His Old Guard would have been just about as much good as a Bantam Division against barbed-wire, machine-guns, and gas. They would probably have been wiped out sooner as the price of their clan, but without achieving any more result.

Marshal Foch complains that it is the habit of the military mind to think of the next war in the terms of the last war. But frankly I cannot see how this is to be avoided. We still maintain an Army of horse, foot, and guns. We continue to train them in the light of the lessons learnt during the last great struggle. How can it be otherwise? Yet who shall say how this Army is to be employed when next it takes the field? Gunners will always fill their rôle. But what about the infantry and the cavalry?

We hear a very great deal about aerial warfare in its probable effect upon the Navy. We hear very much less about the corresponding results in the case of the Army. Probably this may be due to the fact

that those who realize do not talk much. A warship is such a concrete target that popular imagination easily grasps the idea of her being battered out of existence from the sky. But battering-out, which we have always had since war became a civilized affair, whether in the form of horizontal or vertical fire, is not going to be the worst ordeal of an Army in the next great struggle.

THE DEADLIEST ENEMY.

The great aim of a generalissimo in the future war will be effectively to poison the whole of the zone in which an enemy army lies. Gas tanks, gas shells, gas bombs, and goodness knows what other devices will all be pressed into the work. It has proved true in warfare thus far that the menace has always been followed by the antidote. In the last war men succeeded in getting the better of gas. At the present stage of development gas is bidding fair to get the better of men. It will assuredly be the most deadly enemy they will have to face. And how are they to fight it? The rifle, the grenade, the bayonet, the machine-gun—all the conventional equipment of slaughter becomes impotent and a mere encumbrance against gas.

Of course, the obvious answer is that these weapons remain as effective as ever against the men who use gas. But this contention is only legitimate within given conditions. A battery firing gas shells may be suppressed by counter-battery work with shrapnel. Here we get the inevitable instance of thinking of the next war in the terms of the last. It is the factor which will determine the course of the next campaign.

It is a bold thing to say, but I gravely question whether great armies will ever again confront one another in the field. It appears to me that the whole trend of science is to resolve war into much more of a guerrilla business. Concentration of force seems antithetical to the principles of aerial fighting. You can put 50,000 men into a few miles of ground, but put them into the same area of sky, travelling at nothing less than eighty miles an hour, and there is going to be a ghastly mess.

Yes, the trade of war is degenerating into a less and less attractive business to a young man's fancy, and herein I think lies one of the greatest assets of the League of Nations. Patriotism has a great spectacular side. Marching battalions, blaring bands, and skirling pipes fire the imagination. Gas masks and the cave habit do not appeal a bit. Personally I hope I shall not be commissioned as a war correspondent in the next big smash, for I am sure the necessary adjectives will be extraordinary difficult.

Things are moving so fast that it is hard to realize them. Even the fact that, in a military sense, we have lost our long-vaunted insularity has not generally soaked into the national mind. Yet we now have to realize that London is the biggest, and probably the most vulnerable, target in the world. True, we have learnt that it can be pretty adequately defended by the curtain fire against air attack. But all the defensive batteries have disappeared, and to replace them, and man them with trained gunners, would be the work of a long time. It is giving a generous hostage to optimism to suppose that the next great war would give time for such preparations.

More than ever, indeed, are hostilities in the future likely to be swift, if not short. The gassing and burning of a large portion of London would not mean the defeat of the British Empire, but it would assuredly be a very nasty beginning. No serried ranks of infantry and splendid cohorts of cavalry can stand between the City and such a possibility. Nor would there be any great comfort in the announcement that, simultaneously, we had even more effectively gassed and burnt the capital of the enemy country.

Yet this is the lurid picture that emerges pretty vividly out of contemplation of future war. Possibly before this comes electricity will be harnessed to the purpose of wholesale destruction. There is nothing chivalrous about science. In the olden days, when man-power was the decisive factor, the best won. Now the most infernal minded seems likely to be the victor.

The bones of many people buried in the graveyard of St. George's Church, Gravesend, have been disturbed in a search for the remains of Princess Pocahontas, the Red Indian beauty from Virginia who died more than 300 years ago while on a visit to London and is believed to have been buried in the churchyard. The idea of the search, which has aroused considerable indignation locally originated with Mr. J. Page Gaston.

Cries for help attracted several people to a floating bridge at Portsmouth, where a bicycle was found in the water, and later the body of a man was recovered from the water near the bridge. In one of his pockets was a military pass for Rifleman J. Farthing to proceed from Aldershot to Portsmouth by road. At Aldershot it was stated that Rifleman Farthing, who was 26, and belonged to Norfolk, exclaimed to his comrades before leaving Oudenarde Barracks on his bicycle "Look out for the newspapers—you may read of a suicide."

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR

The Prince of Wales has sent £50 to the British Red Cross Society, 19, Berkeley-street, W., for the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

A diamond of a rich brassy shade, weighing 20½ carats and estimated to be worth £10,000, which is described as the largest of its kind ever found, has been recovered by the De Beers Company from their Wesselton Mine on the Rand.

The Paviors Company entertained the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London at dinner at Carpenters' Hall, E.C. In 1302 four paviors of London were sworn to make the pavement throughout the streets and places of the city only in the manner most commodious for the public.

At a Unionist demonstration at Hitchin, Herts, Lord Robert Cecil, the Lord Privy Seal, said he believed he and the Prime Minister were agreed on political matters as nearly as any two men could be. Mr. Balfour, he added, "is the most stalwart and the most English statesman I have known in my political experience."

For throwing a kitten across the road, where it struck some railings and was so badly injured that it had to be destroyed, William Jackson, of Gordon-road, Hove, N., was at Highgate fined 30s. and ordered to pay two guineas costs. David Ridler was fined £4 at Bristol for beating a cat with an iron bar.

The Maidstone Board of Guardians have accepted a tender for the supply of "best English beef" at 9d. a pound and "best English mutton" at 6d. The chairman of the board said that the figures were remarkable. For meat for their own homes the guardians had to pay 1s. 6d., and how the butchers could supply beef at 9d. he did not know.

Twelve parents are summoned to appear before the Lowestoft Bench for failing to send their children to school. The children have been attending unofficial schools staffed by some of the 163 teachers who were dismissed because of their refusal to accept salary reductions. Sitting in camera Leyton, Essex, Education Committee agreed to a settlement with the teachers over the question of refunding three-fifths of salaries paid in excess of the amounts allowed by the Board of Education.

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A PLEA FOR THE KIDDIES.

In this issue will be found a strong appeal on behalf of the Chinese children by Mr. Dome, Director of Physical Education at the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association. We wonder how many of our reader realise that the Colony (including Kowloon) only possesses one playground for foreign children and none for the thousands of Chinese youngsters in our midst. The value of playgrounds for children cannot be too strongly stressed. From an educational point of view, the growth of mind, body and soul depends on play. At games, the child's character is formed—the learns to "play the game," by abiding by the rules, while team-play teaches the value of unselfishness. Play makes for health and develops the mind; it trains for citizenship, the most important essence of which is character. It is a child's inherent right to play; the child without a playground is "father to the man without a job." The problem of the Colony's children is a very real one; through the lack of suitable playgrounds we are abolishing childhood and losing sight of the all-important axiom "as the boy plays, so will the man." Education, it has been well said, is not merely the acquisition of a knowledge of certain facts, but rather a broad preparation for a useful life. It is essential that the school should extend its supervision outside the class-room, to embrace recreational activities as a part of the educational programme. Those who hold the conventional subjects in the curriculum more sacred than the needs of the child and raise the cry "that there is no time for physical activity," have no place in modern education. Playgrounds keep the children out of the streets and provide healthy recreation, the while "Satan can find no work for idle hands to do." Statistics have

been compiled in the United States which bear eloquent testimony to the value of playgrounds. The returns, before us as we write, show that, on a given date, no less than 71 per cent. of the criminals in the U.S.A. were under 21 years of age. Cities that have installed playgrounds show a marked decrease in juvenile delinquency; some show a decrease of over 50 per cent. in a five-year period. "Spend money on the child rather than on the convict" should be the slogan of every government. We feel sure that the provision of playgrounds for Chinese children will receive the full support of His Excellency the Governor as did the plea made for the children of Ceylon when he was Colonial Secretary there. With regard to physical education being compulsory in all schools, now that the head-masters of Queen's College and Ellis Kadoorie School have blazed the trail there is justification for hope that others will follow. The Head of the Police Department evidently appreciates the value of physical education as conducted at the Y.M.C.A.; when our representative called upon Mr. Dome, he found him acting as instructor to a squad of Chinese "bobbies." All that is needed is a man with vision to make provision that the child of to-day may be given full opportunity to become the good citizen of to-morrow.

Robinson Crusoe—Defoe.

The typhoon weather reminded us of Robinson—not the fowl bird who was so-called because he crew so—and now a notification from the publishers at home that we are not to be allowed in on the ground floor and become the coveted possessor of a copy of the limited edition of "Moll Flanders," brings us again to the thought of Daniel Defoe. Defoe was a mixture of artist and controversialist, but his art was almost unconscious. He wrote, as some do not do, because he could not help it. Literary expression with him was a pressing need. When he supplied some popular

original section, and in all the narratives which follow this great masterpiece. Each of these possesses fine qualities, but none the full certainty of execution of "Crusoe." It was in keeping with this life and methods that he should afterwards declare "Robinson Crusoe" to be an allegory of his own career. And whether this were his original intention or an afterthought there is actually a strong resemblance between the careers of the two men. Defoe displays in many ways the same fortitude, assiduity, and inventiveness of Crusoe, and the storm-tossed life of the one might well symbolise the argumentative and combative life of the other. But the end of Defoe was not so comfortable as that of his great hero. "There is no doubt that he lived prosperously at Stoke Newington, but towards the end he must have again lapsed into financial difficulties, for after his death which occurred on April 24th, 1731, at a lodging house, his personal belongings were seized by a widow, who was probably his landlady. So mysteriously ended a life of wondrous activity. Rarely has a man contrived so much in the brief span of mortal years, and still more rarely has a man fought and worked so well until death actually put an end to his labours. Defoe was a vigorous and ambitious life to him was a great battle and the one desirable thing the honours and rewards of victory. He gained some of these whilst he lived, but in death he has achieved even more, for his best work survives him and his age. "Robinson Crusoe" is a shrine holding the eternal youthfulness of Defoe and destined to live so long as youthfulness exists in the world.

French Bank Sentences.

Those who endured much anxious waiting through the "faults" of the administration may derive certain grim consolation from the fact, reported in this afternoon's cables, that the guilty Banque Industrielle officials have been punished. Chief among those disgraced is André Berthelot, former figurehead of the Banque and brother of Philippe Berthelot, once powerful head of the Quai d'Orsay. Philippe's connection with the Banque greatly increased the political enmity which the new concern had to brave. History has told how the Banque from the very outset incurred bitter enmity of older rivals; how the Chinese Government increased this enmity by encouraging the "inter-lopers" which stood outside the "menacing Consortium"; how eventually when the crash came a scandal, recalling the Panama affair, was promptly raised to involve many high personages. The demand for André Berthelot's trial arose out of his action in handing his brother Philippe a large sum of money in 1918. Bearing one of the most illustrious names in the Republic, Philippe was among the real rulers of France. Realising that he would be dragged down in the approaching ruin, history relates, he made "one last effort to save the Banque out in China, where the branches, without funds, were bluffing their way through the storm. He telegraphed to the French Ambassador at Peking in such terms that the latter took it to mean the French Government were standing behind the Banque. At the same time he cabled to America requesting the French High Commissioner, Casenave, to use his weight with the American banks to stop them from following the example of Lombard Street." (London bankers, on January 7, 1921, seized all the money on deposit belonging to the Banque against loans they had made her.) When Perrotto, brain of the Banque, was forced to accept salvage terms from the Paris bankers, political enemies of Berthelot (the Royalist *Action Française* at their head), eager for a chance to discredit the Republic in so great a representative as Berthelot, threw themselves into the tangled. "The fated Berthelot cables were treacherously sold to a newspaper of the Right (*Le Figaro*), and violent scenes occurred in Parliament. M. Briand, on the eve of his voyage to Cannes, was forced to suspend Berthelot. His own fall followed, and then the grim scene in the committee room of the Quai d'Orsay, where the "Treaty-maker," the "Prince of the Republic," Philippe Berthelot, was dismissed by M. Poincaré. Berthelot, answering the charge that the sum his brother André paid him was bribe money, declared that the payment was a family matter not connected with the Banque's affairs and was in accordance with a proviso that it should be returned if over André required it. He returned it, Philippe claimed, in 1921 when the Banque was embarrassed and it was then placed unreservedly at the disposal of the company. Philippe added that he intervened more often on behalf of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine than the Banque Industrielle. The point of this statement lies, of course, in the fact that his brother was a figure-head of the Banque Industrielle coupled with the other fact that the Banque de l'Indo-Chine was that concern's bitter enemy.

Today's Poem.

(The Joy of the Countryside.)

To one who has been long in city pent,
'Tis very sweet to look into the fair
And open face of heaven—to breathe
A prayer.
Pull in the smile of the blue firmament.
Who is more happy, when, with
Heart's content,
Fatigued he sinks into some pleasant
laid
Of easy grass, and reads a delectable
And gentle tale of love and languish-
ment?
Returning home at evening, with
one ear
Catching the notes of Philomel—an
eye
Watching the sailing cloudlet's
bright career.
He mourns that day so soon has
glided by.
'E'en like the passage of an angel's
feet
That falls through the clear ether
silently.

—KATS.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Aug. 3.—Coronet Theatre;
"Hunting Big Game in Africa."
August 3.—World Theatre;
"The Carnival" with Matheson
Lang.
Aug. 3.—Star Theatre; "Below
the Deadline."
Aug. 3.—Promenade Concert on
Volunteer Parade Ground, 9.15 p.m.
August 4.—I.R.C. "at home,"
from 4 to 7 p.m.

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Aug. 7.—At 3 p.m. P.W.D.
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LOST IN THE WAR.

AMERICAN MEMORIAL
UNVEILED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GHRAZAR, August 2.
The United States Rear-Admiral
Scales unveiled, in the presence of
the acting Governor and many
notable personages, the memorial
tablet erected by the fifteenth
United States destroyer squadron to
the memory of men lost in the
sinking of the United States ship
"Chauncey" in November of 1917,
when patrolling the Straits.

LATER.

Three hundred naval men
landed for the unveiling. The
guards of honour were mounted
from among the American
midshipmen. The British Navy,
the acting Governor, the British
Rear-Admiral W. Ellerton, and
Rear-Admiral Scales deposited
wreaths. Battalion midshipmen
from Annapolis Naval Academy and
battalion bluejackets marched past
the memorial. They saluted the
cross of sacrifice on which Rear-
Admiral Scales placed a wreath.

TOTAL LOSS.

OPIUM STEAMER'S DOOM
SEALED.

BATAVIA, Aug. 2.
The British steamer "Ferrara"
from Sabang with a cargo of over
300,000 lbs. of opium is afloat. She
is expected to become a total loss.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Reuter cables that Parliament
has adjourned until November 13.

The meeting of Legislative
Council arranged for August 9 has
been postponed sine die.

The Committee and members
of the Indian Recreation Club will
be at Home to members and their
friends to-morrow from 4 to 7 p.m.

Those who have not yet seen
the Coronet's wonderful wild
animal picture, "Hunting Big
Game in Africa," have their last
chance to-day.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th and 9th
regiments at Happy Valley are open for
play from noon to 4 p.m. The re-
mainder will be available for play
from noon to-morrow.

At midnight last night, a
young Chinese woman attempted
to commit suicide by jumping into
the harbour at the Wing Lok Street
wharf. She was saved.

Theatre-goers who have not
yet seen the British super-production
"The Carnival" at the
World Theatre, have their last
opportunity to-morrow (Saturday)
when it will be screened for the
last time.

PRESIDENT HARDING DEAD.

SUDDEN RELAPSE.

NOTABLE CAREER ENDED.

HUMBLE BEGINNING.

FROM PRINTER'S DEVIL TO PRESIDENT.

London, August 2.

President Harding is dead.

The news that the President's illness has ended fatally comes as something of a surprise since a cable received during the morning indicated that his lungs had definitely improved and the physicians were "more confident than hitherto" with regard to the outcome.

President Harding had been ill for about a week. The attack of ptomaine poisoning from which he suffered was traced by his personal physician, Brigadier-General Sawyer, to some crabs he ate aboard the ship in which he returned from a visit to Alaska. At first it was thought that a couple of days would be sufficient to restore the President to normal health but Monday's cables stated that his condition had worsened owing to his strenuous programme at Seattle. By carrying on speaking engagements while ill he had overstrained the cardio-vascular system, and his condition was regarded as acute. Tuesday's news was much more hopeful and Dr. Sawyer felt justified in saying that "conditions now seem to warrant the statement that apparently he has got into clear sailing." An afternoon bulletin stated that the President had maintained the ground he had gained and according to yesterday's cables fairly good progress was still being made. Apparently further complications, of which there was still some fear, must have set in or else the President had a serious relapse from which, in his greatly exhausted condition, he was not able to recover.

HARDING'S CAREER.

PRINTER'S DEVIL TO PRESIDENT.

Born on a farm near Blooming Grove, Norwalk County, Ohio, Harding was the son of George T. Harding, a country doctor whose ancestors were Dutch. Young Harding attended the village school at Caledonia, Ohio, and then a secondary school dignified by the name of Ohio Central College, since dead of inanition. He literally worked his way through the College, sometimes by cleaning the boots of his fellow students, washing the plates and serving at table. During the holidays he worked as a farm hand or a barn painter. As a young man he became a printer and linotype setter and in 1884 became the owner of a little local newspaper in Marion, Ohio, called *The Star*, on which he did everything from work as a printer's devil to writing editorials.

From 1895 to 1903 he represented his district in the Senate of Ohio, and in 1904 and 1905 he was Lieutenant Governor of the State. In 1914 he was elected to the U.S. Senate by a majority of more than 100,000 votes, running 73,000 ahead of the next man on the ticket. In the Senate he was member of the Committee of Foreign Relations. He was elected President in 1920, succeeding President Woodrow Wilson.

He married in 1895 Mrs. Florence Ming, but had no children. He was a member, trustee and regular attendant at the Marion Baptist Church. He was described by his political friends as a "typical, clean-cut, patriotic American, a man of the people, and a servant of the people, recognising no aristocracy except of that of personal worth and achievement." They called him "another McKinley man." In personal appearance he was a composite picture of the American Statesman and Lord Russell of Killowen in his prime. By his enemies he was denounced as "a mere respectable figurehead, a puppet candidate, a slave, bound hand and foot, by a Senate cabal and big financiers."

ARMS TRAFFIC.

KOWLOON SHOOTING INCIDENT.

SAILOR JAILED.

MAGISTRATE THINKS EUROPEAN
FOT AELP.

Sentence of six months' imprisonment with hard labour, was passed on Erwin Nelson (20) a quartermaster of the s.s. "President McKinley" this morning. He was arrested after a long chase in Kowloon on Tuesday night by a Chinese detective and charged with possession of arms without a permit from the C.S.P. The case came before Mr. J. R. Wood yesterday morning when Sub-Inspector Spear asked for a short remand as the C.S.P. wished to ask for committal. However, it was announced this morning that the case would be dealt with summarily.

A number of Europeans were in Court this morning and a representative of the Admiral Line was present.

When the case was called His Worship asked if the charge remained the same and Inspector Spear replied in the affirmative. Addressing the accused His Worship said "Since yesterday I have decided to deal with your case myself and you will be tried here." The charge was then read and, asked to plead, Nelson said "Not guilty."

The Evidence.

Chinese Detective No. C22, Chan Kwoon-yau, was the first witness called. He said that at about 9.15 on the night of July 31, he was on duty in plain-clothes, alone, in Austin Road. He had received information at 9.05 p.m., and had decided to remain there. After a while he saw two richas coming towards him from the direction of Nathan Road. He stopped the first one which carried a Chinese passenger, who was not in court. Accused was in the second richa. When within four or five feet of the first vehicle, he jumped out and ran in the direction of Austin Avenue. In the course of the chase, accused, who was still running, turned round and asked what was the matter. Witness overtook accused in Kimberley Road. As he ran he saw accused throw something out of the hillside or embankment at Austin

Avenue. When witness saw accused discarding some articles he fired his revolver into the air and blew his whistle. Altogether he fired six rounds, the third of which was directed at accused's legs. At Kimberley Road a European came to his assistance and accused was arrested. Witness handed accused over to Indian constable No. 393. The European asked witness if an armed robbery had occurred and he explained that accused had thrown some arms away. He went off to search for the arms alone, the first revolver being found near No. 6, Avstin Avenue, and the second by the side-channel near No. 8, Austin Avenue. The European found the cartridges.

Danger of Firing.

By Inspector Spear: Did you call out in English to defendant to stop?—Yes.

Could you say which direction the man in the first richa went?—When I saw accused jump out of his richa I left the man in the first one and went after accused. I did not see where the other man went.

By Nelson:—Did witness see me throw the arms away? He did not throw the arms away. They dropped out from his trousers.

By the Magistrate:—How did you know the arms dropped from his trousers?—I was close to him then and heard the sound as they struck the ground.

By Nelson:—How could he see me throw the arms away?—By lamplight and moonlight.

To Sub-Inspector Spear: His Worship said "I hope this man has been instructed that he had no right to fire. If he had hit him he might have faced a criminal charge."

The detective said that he did not aim to hit; he only wanted to scare his man.

His Worship "You had no right to."

Struggled Slightly.
Mr. Edward Charles Bell, an engineer living at No. 3A, Armand Buildings, Kimberley Road, was the next witness. Mr. Bell deposed that approximately at 9.30 on the night of July 31, he was at home when he heard several revolver shots followed by blasts on a police whistle. The blasts continued and he went out into the street walking a few yards to his right (towards Austin Avenue). There he saw a person running round from Austin Avenue into Kimberley Road. At Kimberley Road he intercepted accused.

LUCKY WINNERS.

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Asked by the Magistrate if Nelson struggled, Mr. Bell said: "Slightly, but I barred further progress." He pulled him up and asked what the matter was. Nelson replied that someone was chasing him but he had not done anything. Mr. Bell thought it was peculiar for a European to be running from a Chinese and proceeded to search him. Nelson asked witness why he was searched adding that he had nothing. As he finished the search the Chinese detective came up. Previous to that two Europeans—one from the Blue Funnel Club and one from the other side of the road—had arrived on the scene. He asked the Europeans to give him a hand whereupon Nelson said "I am no one going to help me." Witness replied that he need not worry as he would get a square deal. Asked by the Magistrate if he could speak Chinese Mr. Bell said that he understood more Chinese than he could speak. He heard the detective say something about guns and they all started to bring accused back by the way they had come. When they had gone fifty yards or so they met the Indian constable to whom prisoner was handed over. Witness saw the detective bend down and pick something up which afterwards turned out to be a revolver. A further search was made in the vicinity and witness found a box of cartridges. Accused had been running along the foot-path and he (witness) found the cartridges in about the same spot as the revolver.

Richa Coolie's Evidence.

Wong Wing, a richa coolie, was then called. He said that he was the puller of richa No. 4 (Kowloon). He recognised accused as the man who engaged his richa at the Star Ferry at about 9.15 p.m. on July 31. Accused was with a Chinese and told him to drive to Canton Road. Witness with another coolie took the two fares as far as the football ground where they were stopped by a policeman. Accused did not pay his fare as he ran away. Asked by the Magistrate why accused should have run away, the coolie said that a Chinese wanted to search him so he ran away. Answering a question by Inspector Spear, witness explained that his richa was engaged outside of the gate of the godowns near the Ferry wharf.

Why He Ran.

Nelson volunteered to go into the box. Questioned by the Magistrate he admitted running in Kimberley Road.

His Worship: Why did you run?—I did not know who the Chinese running after me were.

Nelson also admitted riding in a richa but claimed that he was alone. The other richa was 100 feet off him, he added. He denied that the arms were in his possession. After he had been stopped he saw one revolver picked up on the road but denied that it was found on the line on which he had been running. Asked as to where he was going, Nelson said that he was going to a house of ill-fame in another part of Kowloon.

His Worship then asked if Nelson had any other witnesses and Nelson replied that all his witnesses were on his ship which had sailed away.

Serious Offence.

Mr. Wood said: Well, Mr. Nelson, I don't believe you when you tell me that these arms were not in your possession. I think it is clearly proved that you were smuggling arms into the Colony and that you were stopped, surprised, and ran away and got rid of the arms as you ran. The matter is a very serious one in Hongkong and I have to deal severely with people, especially people connected with ships. They have special opportunities for smuggling arms. Yours is not the first case of its kind. I have had some cases of men employed in ships of the same line and in other ships as well and in each case proved I have sentenced them to imprisonment. I must send you there as well. You are sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The Magistrate to Mr. Bell: I think the thanks of the public are due to you Mr. Bell.

Mr. Bell: Thank you.

SUPER GENERAL STAFF.

PLANNING EMPIRE'S DEFENCE.

"SOMEWHAT ACUTE CONTROVERSY."

ROYAL NAVY AND CONTROL OF THE AIR FORCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 2.

A White Paper has been published containing the recommendations of the National and Imperial Defence Committee on the relations between the Navy and the Air Force, which, in the words of the sub-committee presided over by Earl Balfour, have given "a somewhat acute controversy."

The Sub-Committee after sifting the claims of the rival forces and the present system of co-operation as regards the fleet and the air arm, did not think complete severance possible. It recommended that air officers should be appointed to the naval warstaff and that the relations between the Admiralty and Air Ministry should be defined. The recommendations can be regarded as a compromise.

REORGANIZING THE COMMITTEE.

Drastic reorganization of the Imperial Defence Committee is recommended. This provides that Dominions may be summoned as members of the Cabinet and rejects the proposal for control or amalgamation of the three fighting services under one Defence Minister. The Committee has decided that each of the three chiefs of staff should be responsible for advising on defence policy as a whole, the three constituting a super general staff.

SINGLE AIR SERVICE.

LONDON, August 2.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Baldwin stated that the Government had adopted the recommendations of the Imperial Defence Committee earlier. He emphasised that the committee had unanimously come to a conclusion in favour of the principle of a single air service with provisions to meet the Admiralty's objections particularly securing for the Admiralty absolute control of all the fighting equipment of the fleet and carrying out reconnaissance by naval officers.

Mr. Baldwin declared that a single air service was necessary on the grounds of efficiency and economy.

[Mr. Garvin, Editor of the *Observer*, definitely asserted that Admiral Beatty and other Sea Lords had intimated regretfully that they would feel bound to resign in a body if henceforth they were to be subordinated to the Air Ministry on this definite matter of Naval concern which was vital to the efficiency of the Fleet.]

LINER RACE.

THIRTEEN STEAMERS ABREAST.

MANY LIVES RISKED.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.

Mr. Curran, Immigration Commissioner, announces that he has warned the officials of all trans-Atlantic lines against a repetition of yesterday morning's race to the quarantine station "when thirteen liners endangered the lives of thousands of passengers."

According to the masters of several steamers, they raced up the narrow at a speed of over fifteen knots so closely abreast that the passengers in different ships could almost touch hands. Collision anywhere would have affected many vessels.

MUST GO HOME.

NEW YORK, August 2.

The Government has decided that only bona fide immigrants to Canada who are able to prove that they intend to reside there for at least a year may be granted transit visas. Forty British subjects who expressed a desire to change their destination to Canada when they found the immigrant quota into the United States had been exhausted, were consequently deported. Thirty-four Finns, deported last week who again arrived on board another steamer which picked them up at Sable Island were once more deported as it was ruled they should have returned home before attempting to re-enter the country. [Sable Island (45 miles long) is off the south-east coast of Nova Scotia.]

FOUR HOURS LESS.

AMERICAN STEEL INDUSTRY.

NEW YORK, August 3.

Judge Gary, President of the United States Steel Corporation, announces the immediate adoption of the 8-hour day in the American steel industry. The wages of employees whose hours are consequently reduced from twelve to eight hours will be adjusted so as to yield earning equivalent to a 25 per cent. increase in the hourly base rates.

RUSSIA'S GREAT FAIR.

Moscow, August 2.

The Nijni-Novgorod fair opened to-day. It is expected that the receipts will be three as much as in 1921.

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YACHTING CONTEST.

LONDON, August 2.

After winning the first heat for the British-American yachting cup at Ryde yesterday by 28 to 18 points, the British team of four yachts in the second heat at Southsea to-day all finished before the Americans. They now lead by 40 points to 23.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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AMOY TROUBLE.

WARSHIP COMMANDER'S REPORT.

"ALL IS NOW QUIET."

All is now quiet at Amoy, according to a report from Captain Hopwood C.B.E., commander of H.M.S. "Diomedes." There are still a few Chinese soldiers in the British Settlement, Captain Hopwood, telegraphs, a *China Mail* reporter was told by Lt. Commander Worthington this morning. The officials and clerical staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank had already been allowed to return to their posts before the arrival of the British men-of-war. Two Japanese destroyers have arrived at Amoy.

A REQUEST REFUSED.

PEKING, August 2.

Reports from Amoy indicate that Admiral Yang requested the foreign Consuls to ask their national authorities to leave, in view of the necessity of attacking the city, but the request was refused.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

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Captain Superintendent of Police. Hongkong, July 28, 1923.

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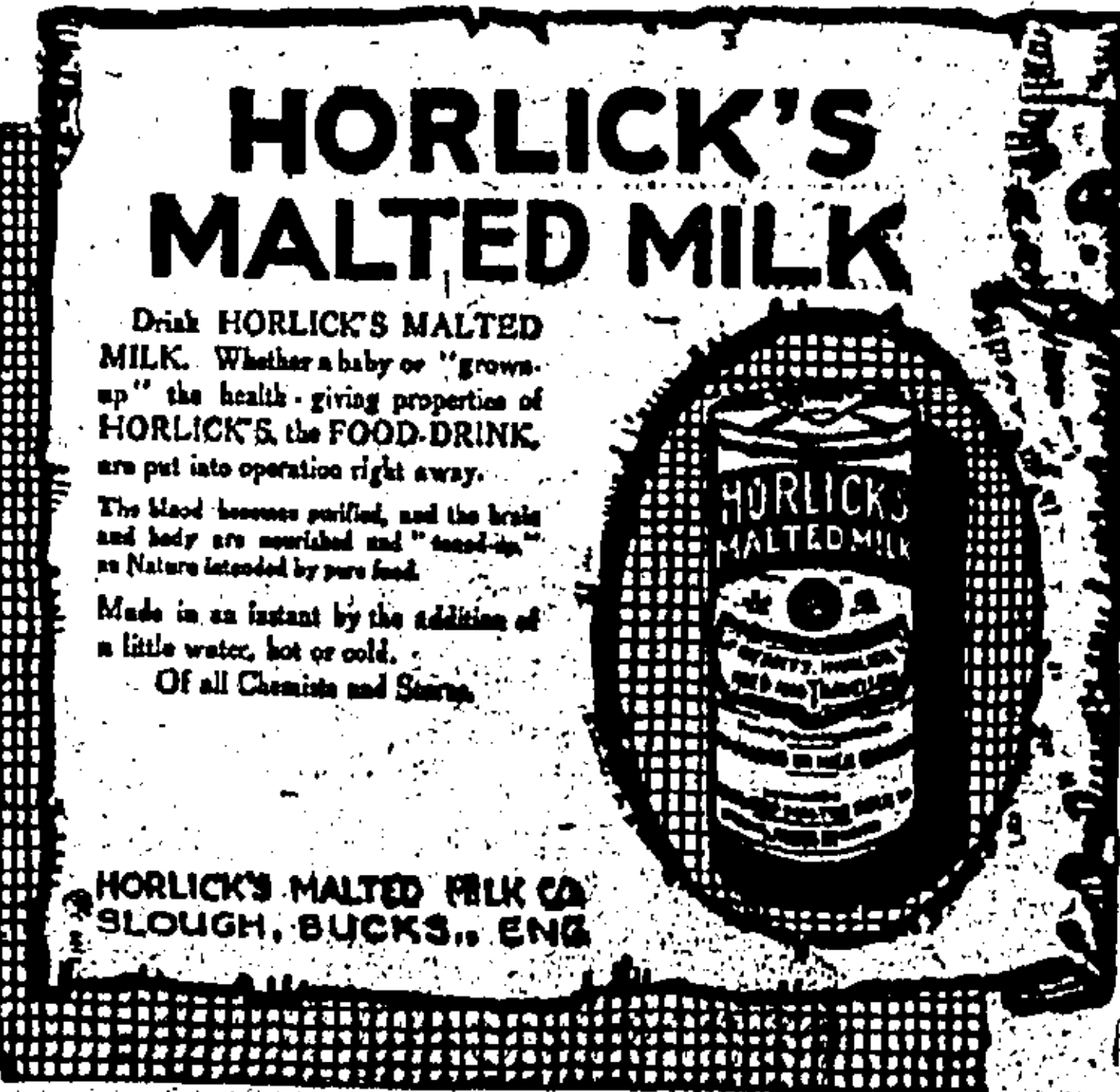
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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	7th Sept. at Noon	B'bay, M'los, G'ib, L'don, & A'werp.
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"SUDAN"	6,096	28th Sept. at Noon	B'bay, M'los, G'ib, L'don & A'werp.
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"KARMA"	9,988	19th Oct. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & B'bay.
"SIOHIA"	6,813	27th Oct. at Noon	

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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	25th Jan.	MARSHALLS, and LONDON Via usual Ports of Call
"KASHGAR"	8,840	8th Feb.	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	22nd Feb.	do.
"KARMA"	9,988	7th Mar.	do.
"NALDERA"	13,893	21st Mar.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,989	4th Apr.	do.
"CHINA"	7,358	18th Apr.	do.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. L. s. "Lama" left Singapore for this port and was due here to-day at about daylight.
The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Kobe on Aug. 3 at 7 a.m. left Kobe on Aug. 3 at noon and is due at Yokohama to-day at 5 p.m.
The B. L. s. "Janus" left Singapore for this port on July 28 at 5 p.m. and is due here to-day.
The B. L. s. "Patrol" left Liverpool on July 2 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Taku and Tsingtao and is due here at about August 3.
The A.O.L. s. "President Jackson" sailed from Shanghai on Aug. 1, at

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8 p.m. and is due at Hongkong on Friday, Aug. 3, at 3 p.m. This steamer sails for Manila on Sunday, Aug. 5, at 5 p.m.
The B. L. s. "Bengal" from Marseilles, Antwerp and London left Singapore for this port on Aug. 1 and may be expected to arrive here on or about Aug. 7.
The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports, Shanghai on July 20; is due at Yokohama on Aug. 7 and expected here on Aug. 10.
The B. L. s. "Persus" left Liverpool on July 21 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Aug. 22.
The G. L. s. "Victoria" left here for Sandakan and Australian ports on July 7; was due at Sydney on July 25 and will sail from Sydney for Hongkong on Aug. 3 being expected here on or about Aug. 7.
The B. L. s. "Monte" left Liverpool on July 27 for Singapore, Hongkong, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Aug. 31.

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	July 24, 1923.	July 25, 1923.	June 1914.		July 26, 1923.	July 27, 1923.	June 1914.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin, - Mol Long Pa ... lb.	30	24	18	Chickens, - Kai ... lb.	60	50	35
" Prime Cut ... lb.	30	24	18	Capon, Small, - Sin Kai ... lb.	55	45	30
" Omelet, - Ham Ngau Yak ... lb.	22	20	15	Capon, Large, - Sin Kai ... lb.	60	50	35
" Roast, - Shih ... lb.	30	24	18	Duck, - Ap ... lb.	38	32	22
" Breast, - Ngau Nam ... lb.	28	20	18	Doves, - Fat Kai ... each	18	15	10
" Soup, - Tong Yak ... lb.	18	15	10	Eggs, Hen, - Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	30	25	18
" Steak, - Ngau Yak Pa ... lb.	30	24	18	Eggs, Hen, - Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	30	25	18
" Steak Sirloin, - Ngau Lau ... lb.	40	30	25	Fowls, Canton, - Kai ... lb.	75	65	50
" Sausages, - Ngau Cheung ... lb.	20	15	10	Fowls, Canton, - Kai ... lb.	75	65	50
Salmon's Brains, - Ngau No per set	12	10	8	Geese, - Ngo ... lb.	40	34	24
Tongues, fresh, - Ngau Lai each 60	60	60	60	Pigeons, Canton, - Pak Kap, each	45	30	24
Tongues, corned, - Ham Ngau Lai each ... cents.	60	60	60	" Halibut, - Hol Hau Pak Kap	30	25	18
Head, - Ngau Tau ... each 1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	Turkeys, Cook, - Fo Kai Hung lb.	55	50	40
Heart, - Ngau Sam ... lb.	18	15	10	Turkeys, Hen, - Fo Kai Na ... lb.	50	45	35
Ham, Salt, - Ngau Kin ... lb.	28	20	15	Salp, - Sha Tai, ... each	55	50	40
Feet, - Ngau Keok ... each	12	10	8	Phoenix, - Shan Kai ... each	18	15	10
Kidneys, - Ngau Yu ... lb.	12	10	8	Quail, - On Chan ... each	18	15	10
" Ngau Mei ... lb.	24	20	15	Partridges, - Ohe Ku ... each	18	15	10
Liver, - Ngau Kon ... lb.	18	15	10				
Tripe (unpressed), Ngau To lb. 8	8	7	5				
Calves' Head and Feet, - Ngau Tai, - two each ... each 1.20	1.20	1.00	1.00				
Mutton Chop, - Young Fat Kwai lb.	40	35	25				
" Leg, - Young Fat Kwai ... lb.	40	35	25				
" Shoulder, - Yaqog Shan ... lb.	38	34	24				
" Saddle, - Young On Yak ... lb.	40	35	25				
Pig's Chittlings, - Cho Cheung ... lb.	38	34	24				
" Brains, - Ohe No ... per set	5	4	3				
" Feet, - Ohe Keok ... lb.	18	15	10				
" Fry, - Ohe Chap ... lb.	18	15	10				
" Head, - Ohe Tau ... lb.	18	15	10				
" Heart, - Ohe Sam ... each 12	10	10	8				
" Kidneys, - Ohe Yu ... each 12	10	10	8				
" Liver, - Ohe Kon ... lb.	35	30	24				
Pork Chop, - Ohe Fat Kwai ... lb.	30	25	20				
" Leg, - Ohe Pol ... lb.	38	34	24				
" Loin, - Chu Han Tau ... lb.	18	15	10				
" Fat or Lard, - Ohe Yu ... lb.	22	21	18				
Sheep's Head and Feet, - Young Fat Kwai ... each 75	60	70	70				
" Heart, - Young Sam ... each 10	8	7	5				
" Kidneys, - Young Yu ... each 15	12	10	8				
" Liver, - Young Kon ... lb.	40	35	25				
Sucking Pigs, to order, - Ohe Tai, ... lb.	55	50	40				
Suet, Beef, - Shang Ngau Yu ... lb.	28	20	18				
" Mutton, - Shang Young Yu ... lb.	40	35	25				
Veal, - Ngau Tai Yu ... lb.	24	20	19				
Sausages, - Ngau Tai Cheung ... lb.	20	20	20				
No. 1 ... lb. 30	30	20	20				
Fish.				Fruits.			
	July 24, 1923.	July 25, 1923.	June 1914.		July 26, 1923.	July 27, 1923.	June 1914.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Barbel, - Ka Yu ... lb.	38	19	24	Almonds, - Hang Tau ... lb.	55	50	40
Bream, - Fin Yu ... lb.	32	30	16	Apples, (California), - Kam Eban	30	24	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish, - Hol Shu Yu ... lb.	38	18	16	Bananas, (India), - Macao, - Sin	5	4	3
Carp, - Li Yu ... lb.	38	18	16	" Hong Chin ... lb.	5	4	3
Catfish, - Chik Yu ... lb.	45	12	9	Guambole, - Yang To ... lb.	14	10	10
Codfish, - Man Yu ... lb.	38	20	25	Cocoanuts, - Ye Tau ... lb.	10	10	10
Crayfish, - Hal ... lb.	40	22	28	Lemons, China, - Ling Mang ... lb.	14	7	7
Cuttle Fish, - Mak Yu ... lb.	36	18	16	Lemons, (America), - Kam Shan	7	8	8
Crab, - Sha Mang Yu ... lb.	50	32	16	" Ling Tung ... each 7	8	8	8
Dab, - Sha Mang Yu ... lb.	50	32	16	Lichees, Dried, - (small stones),	25	25	25
Duck, - Wong Mai Lap ... lb.	18	10	8	" Lai Ohi Kon lb.	25	25	25
Dog Fish, - Th Yu Shu ... lb.	10	10	8	Oranges, (Canton), Sweet, -	32	32	32
Eel, - Green, - Hol Man ... lb.	36	16	16	" Shan-sheng Tin Chang lb.	15	15	15
" Fresh water, - Tam Shai Yu ... lb.	34	20	18	Oranges, Tin Chang ... lb.	32	32	32
" Yellow, - Wong Shu ... lb.	48	28	30	Pears, (Canton), Cooking, - Sha Ki ... lb.	10	10	10
Frog, - Th Kalo ... lb.	60	40	30	Peanuts, - Fa Shang ... lb.	18	18	18
Garoupe, - Shik Yu ... lb.	50	30	25	Periwinkles, Large, - Hung Tau ... lb.	12	12	12
Goatfish, - Pak Kap Yu ... lb.	30	18	15	Plantain, - Tai Chin ... lb.	4	4	4
Herring, - No Pak ... lb.	30	18	15	Pomelo, Stam, - Tam Lo Yu ... each 12	12	12	12
Halibut, - Cheung Kwai Kap ... lb.	32	18	15	Walnuts, - Hop To ... lb.	14	14	14
Labrus, - Wong Yu Yu ... lb.	32	18	15	Grapes, - Fo Tai Tau ... each ...	...	...	...
Loach, - Wu Yu ... lb.	45	25	24				
Loach, - Long Ha ... lb.	30	20	20				
Mackerel, - Ohi Yu ... lb.	41	28	28				
Monk Fish, - Mong Yu ... lb.	41	28	28				
Mullet, - Tai Yu ... lb.	28	18	18				
Oysters, - Shang Ho ... lb.	30	14	14				
Parrot Fish, - Kai Kany Yu ... lb.	32	14	14				
Perch, - Tai Lo ... lb.	32	14	14				
Pike, - Fa Pak Wong ... lb.	30	16	16				
Plaice, - Pak Yu ... lb.	48	28	28				
Pomfret, Black, - Hak Cheung ... lb.	50	28	28				
Pomfret, White, - Pak Cheung ... lb.	55	38	30				
Prawns, - Ming Ha ... lb.	60	38	45				
Ray, - Pak Fa Sha ... lb.	20	10	14				
Rock Fish, - Shik Kuo Kung ... lb.	22	12	12				
Roach, - Ohe Yu ... lb.	34	25	25				
Salmon, - Ma Yu ... lb.	45	38	30				
Shark, - Shi Yu ... lb.	10	8	10				
Shrimp, - Po Yu ... lb.	30	10	10				
Shrimp, - Ha ... lb.	40	25	25				
Snapper, - Lap Yu ... lb.	30	10	10				
Sole, - Tai Shu Yu ... lb.	48	28	28				
Tuna, - Wan Yu ... lb.	38	25	18				
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Swatow via SHANGHAI	YATSHING	Sun., 5th Aug., 8 a.m.
BANOK via SWATOW	KWANSANG	Mon., 6th Aug., 8 a.m.
BANOK via HONGKONG	OHONGSHING	Tues., 7th Aug., 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	LOHSANG	Wed., 8th Aug., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	ESANG	Thurs., 9th Aug., Noon
Kobe via Moji	FOOKSANG	Fri., 10th Aug., 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HONGKONG	LEHSANG	Fri., 10th Aug., 8 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	ESANG	Sat., 11th Aug., 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	FOOSHING	Tues., 14th Aug., Noon
SANDAKAN	HINSANG	Fri., 24th Aug., 11 a.m.

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"FOUND DROWNED."

MISS CARD'S DEATH.

CORONAL INQUIRY VERDICT.

A verdict of "found drowned" was returned by the jury which investigated at the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon the death of Miss Ella Augusta Card, a stenographer employed by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, whose body was discovered in the harbour on Monday morning.

After our report of the inquiry had closed yesterday, evidence was given by the Government bacteriologist, Dr. E. R. Minett, who testified to examining the body of Miss Card and removing certain articles, which he handed over to a police sergeant. The body was in a partly decomposed state and a portion of the face had been bitten away. The cause of death was immersion. The condition of the body was consistent with its having been in the water for forty-eight hours. There was no sign of external injuries.

ROOM BOY'S EVIDENCE.
The deceased's room boy, Tong Pao said he entered Miss Card's room at about 8.45 on the night of her disappearance and found the deceased standing by a writing table as if looking for something. He asked her if she wanted her dinner, and she replied in the negative.

The coroner: Was it her custom not to take her dinner?
Witness: No, she had never refused her dinner, but on this particular night she did not dine.

The room boy went on to say that he again went into Miss Card's room to arrange her bed at 9.30. Miss Card was sitting in a chair reading a letter. When he left the room he said "Goodnight" to her and she said the same to him. At 11.30, while he was in the hall, he saw Miss Card going but, wearing a raincoat and brown shoes, with a shawl over her head. He did not speak to her, and she said nothing to him. Miss Card opened the door herself.

The coroner: Was it her habit to go out before 11 had never seen her before.

Were there any other guests in the hall at the time?—No. There was only a night watchman.

Was she ill?—She appeared to be alright.

After evidence had been given by a sanpan woman and Sergt. Mist as to the discovery and removal of the body from the harbour, Constable Dryden gave evidence. He said he was on duty along the waterfront in the central district on Friday night. No. 6 typhoon signal was up. It was a stormy night, but he was able to walk against the wind.

The coroner: Do you think anybody could have been blown off his feet?

Witness: I think not.

"A VERY SAD TRAGEDY."

Addressing the jury at the end of the evidence, the coroner said it was a very sad tragedy. The inquiry was held not in the hope of clearing up anything about foul play; it was held entirely for the satisfaction of the lady's friends both here and at home. As far as was known, Miss Card was in perfectly normal health right up to Friday afternoon. She was observed to have taken the very unusual step of leaving the hotel, where she was living, at 11.30 that night, in typhoon weather. That seemed to have been done deliberately. Her further movements were unknown, but it seemed likely that by the way in which the body was found on Monday morning, she entered the harbour either by accident or deliberately on the night when she was last seen. If there were enough circumstances to find that Miss Card was acting deliberately in walking from the hotel to the quay, and took her own life, taking advantage of the weather, the jury could return a verdict of suicide. If, on the other hand, the circumstances were not sufficiently strong to point to that conclusion, they could return a verdict that the deceased was found drowned.

The jury returned the verdict mentioned without retiring.

LAWN TENNIS.

TO-MORROW'S FUNCTION.

At the Indian Recreation Club's ground to-morrow afternoon, the trophies won in the "A" division of the Tennis League will be presented. A team selected from the "Rest" will meet the winners.

COLONY'S YOUNG.

PHYSICAL TRAINING NEEDS.

MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUNDS.

NOTABLE INTERVIEW WITH EXPERT.

Mr. A. E. Dome B.P.E., Director of Physical Education to the Hongkong Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, in an interview with a *China Mail* representative yesterday, expressed the hope that Government would take immediate steps to provide municipal playgrounds for the Chinese children in the Colony and make physical education compulsory at all schools.

"Compulsory physical education is quite essential for schools," said Mr. Dome, "and the playground proposition would be a good starting point as it would be the means of a sound public opinion to the vital need of physical education being included in the curriculum of all schools under Government control."

CART BEFORE THE HORSE.

"In the United States, continued Mr. Dome, compulsory physical education came first into being; then the idea of municipal playgrounds was fostered to such an extent that, in the majority of the big American Cities to-day, there is a playground within a quarter of a mile of practically every child's home. It might be advisable to reverse the order here. It is of the utmost importance that play should be a compulsory part of a school's curriculum." At the present time I know of only two schools in the Colony at which it is even partly compulsory. Queen's College sends us 250 boys out of 500 and Ellis Kadoorie School sends us 250 out of 600 for instruction in physical education. In other words, the head-masters of these two schools have begun to realize that mind and body are not separate, and have ordered 8 classes from each school to undergo a course of physical education at the Y.M.C.A. I believe that the Government, on behalf of Queen's College, pay the Y.M.C.A. \$500 per annum and through the head-master at Queen's a sum of \$300 is received on behalf of the Ellis Kadoorie School. The Y.M.C.A. is willing to place its gymnasium and equipment at the disposal of all schools and furnish instructors in order to start the ball-rolling. During the last two years the number of Chinese students attending the physical culture classes at the Y.M.C.A. has doubled.

"CANNOT FIND TIME."

Last year, Mr. Dome approached the Director of Education in the matter and offered to conduct a course free of charge at one of the Government schools to prove his contention that the "mind and body are not separate." Mr. Dome's offer received little encouragement on the ground that the "schools cannot find the time." However, Mr. B. Tanner, head-master of Queen's College, and Mr. R. E. O. Bird, M.A., head-master of Ellis Kadoorie School, decided to give the scheme a trial and both have expressed satisfaction at the progress made. "If the course were made compulsory, the head-masters would soon find the time," said Mr. Dome.

MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUNDS.

Turning to the subject of playgrounds, Mr. Dome said: "It passes belief that there is no public playground for Chinese children, and only one for foreign children in the whole Colony. Government owes it to the children to find them a place where they can play and be given a fair chance to train their bodies as well as their minds. Some months ago I applied to the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Severn) for sanction to erect an up-to-date playground equipped in Blake Garden, where an area of 450 x 150 feet is available." [The *China Mail* man was shown Mr. Dome's plans for the laying out of the ground.] "Though my request has not been definitely refused," added Mr. Dome, "it has not been granted, and I now see that the site is being levelled off for some purpose. If there were more playgrounds, there would be less crime. It makes my blood boil when I read of youngsters being prosecuted for playing football in the streets. It is up to the Government to solve the problem, not up to the kids to keep off the streets. I consider it little short of a crime to arrest a youngster for giving natural vent to his energy. I should like to see playgrounds provided and suitably equipped, where the youngsters could enjoy themselves under the care of a trained supervisor, who could keep an eye on the children while the mothers and fathers were at work. Citizenship and character go hand in hand and the latter can only be properly built up when playgrounds and physical education are readily available."

A TEMPORARY MEASURE.

Asked whether he could suggest any ready remedy as a temporary measure, Mr. Dome said, "I would suggest that a certain portion of one of the less busy streets in West Point, Wanchai and Tai Ping-shan districts be closed to vehicular traffic between 4.30 and 6.30 in the evening

TENNIS TOPICS.

INTERESTING LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

(SPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED.)

During the week under review there were three wet days which caused a postponement of several engagements, the chief of which were the tennis matches to be played at the L.R.C. "at home" on Saturday. In the triangular series of the B Division tennis matches the C.R.C. which beat the L.R.C. last week went down to the Varsity by the narrow margin of one game. The University was lucky to have the services of M. K. Yue who quite recently returned to the Colony from a holiday and A. A. Rumi who had not appeared in tennis matches since the 1921 Open Championship in connection with the H.K.C.C. This young hopeful had given up tennis for cricket and cycling, but was dug out by his colleagues to represent his college and was largely responsible for its success. A notable absentee in this game was Dr. D. K. Samy, who left for Europe last week. The result of this game puts the management of the League in an awkward position as the three clubs, University, L.R.C. and C.R.C. are now on an equal footing again, and there will be a another triangular tourney. Consequently there will be no Rest match to-morrow. It will be interesting to note whether the management will arrange the re-play on a knock out system or otherwise.

H.K.C.C. HONG DOUBLES.

Last Friday in the Final of the Hong Doubles, Commodore Grace, Lt. Com. Worthington, F. A. Redmond and L. A. Foster had to abandon their game owing to rain. The naval pair were playing with much understanding and the Commodore was assisting his partner who did most of the overhead work. This match was re-played on Wednesday but the "Tamar" pair did not play with the confidence of the previous occasion. Commodore Grace again did well and was largely responsible for the success of his pair which won by three sets to two, scores being 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 7-5 & 6-3. Redmond played a capital game and his service was strong throughout the match.

TOP SPIN.

WATER POLO.

TO-NIGHT'S MATCHES.

Commencing at 9 sharp to-night, the V.R.C. will meet the R.G.A. (B) in a league match. After this game, the Club's (B) team will play the King's (B). Both matches will take place at the V.R.C. pool. The teams are:—
V.R.C. (A) Team: J. Stewart, A. Busschaert, G. Sewell, J. Watson, D. Lyon, R. C. Wittichell and T. I. Knight.
V.R.C. (B) Team: E. C. Jordan, C. Mackenzie, S. Haroon, J. A. Urquhart, V. M. Hast, D. Souza, J. G. Hooper, J. M. Soares, U. R. Hunt. Referee: Messrs. G. T. May and J. Lyon.

The attendance of ladies will be welcomed at all league matches. An admission fee of 20 cents will be charged gentlemen, who are not members of the V.R.C.

BASEBALL.

TWO GAMES TO-MORROW.

The first game in the Hongkong Baseball League will be played to-morrow when the Chinese and the Portuguese teams meet. This match will be preceded by a game between a nine from the U.S.N. "Pampanga" and the South China A.A. Both games will be played on the Happy Valley ground, the first beginning at three o'clock sharp and the second at five o'clock. This will be the first double header played in Hongkong since baseball was started.

LOOKING AT THE TIME.

"Did you attempt to steal this man's wrist-watch while he was asleep?" was the query put to a Chinese in Mr. Wood's court this morning. The man, who claimed to be a golf caddy, said that he only went up to have a look at the time. The incident was alleged to have occurred at 3 o'clock in the morning in a Yau-mat street. The case was adjourned till to-morrow to enable witnesses to be called.

and reserved as a children's playground, under police supervision, until such time as municipal playgrounds are available. When Sir Reginald Stubbs was Colonial Secretary in Ceylon, he was most helpful in the matter of providing playgrounds for the children and I feel confident that he will help in the matter the moment he realizes the astonishing fact that Hongkong does not possess a single playground for Chinese children.

KIDNAPPED.

HONGKONG MAN MISSING.

CANTON DISORDER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, August 2.
An armed robbery took place in the early hours of the morning of July 18 last at the "Cottage" near the East Parade Ground. The "Cottage" is the residence of Mr. Wei Wing Hon, the principal master at Holy Trinity College, and his house was attacked by about a dozen robbers all fully armed. The household had retired for the night and the onslaught was as sudden as it was unexpected, resulting in the loss of practically all of Mr. Wei's property. Mrs. Wei's wedding ring was among the effects stolen. It is supposed that the robbers were after Mr. Wei who managed to escape by jumping from the bedroom window. Unfortunately Mr. Wei was taken for a thief by some of the students and the workmen on the premises (building operations have been proceeding at the College for some time and various thefts of building material have taken place) and was felled to the ground. Mr. Wei is now in the Kung Yee hospital where he is progressing favourably. Whilst all this is most unfortunate and regrettable, the worst feature of the whole thing is that Mr. Wei's brother has been kidnapped and there is no news so far as to where he has been taken. The matter is in the hands of the Consul and the Commissioner of Police.

Editorial Note: Mr. Wei Wing Hon is well known in Hongkong. He was the first student, we believe, to enter the faculty of Engineering of the Hongkong University, and among the first six graduates to receive the degree of B.Sc. of the University. He has been a Master at St. Stephen's College but for some years now has rendered invaluable assistance to the Ven. Archdeacon Barnett in the work of Holy Trinity College in the east part of the city, which it is hoped, among other things, will become a feeder to the Hongkong University. Mr. Wei Wing Hon is also a graceful tennis player. The brother who has been kidnapped is Mr. Wei Wing Pui who, we understand, was assisting his brother at Canton and has had considerable teaching experience being at one time a Master at St. Paul's College. Both young men are sons of Mr. Wei Wah-teen, J.P. of Hongkong.

STREET THEFT.

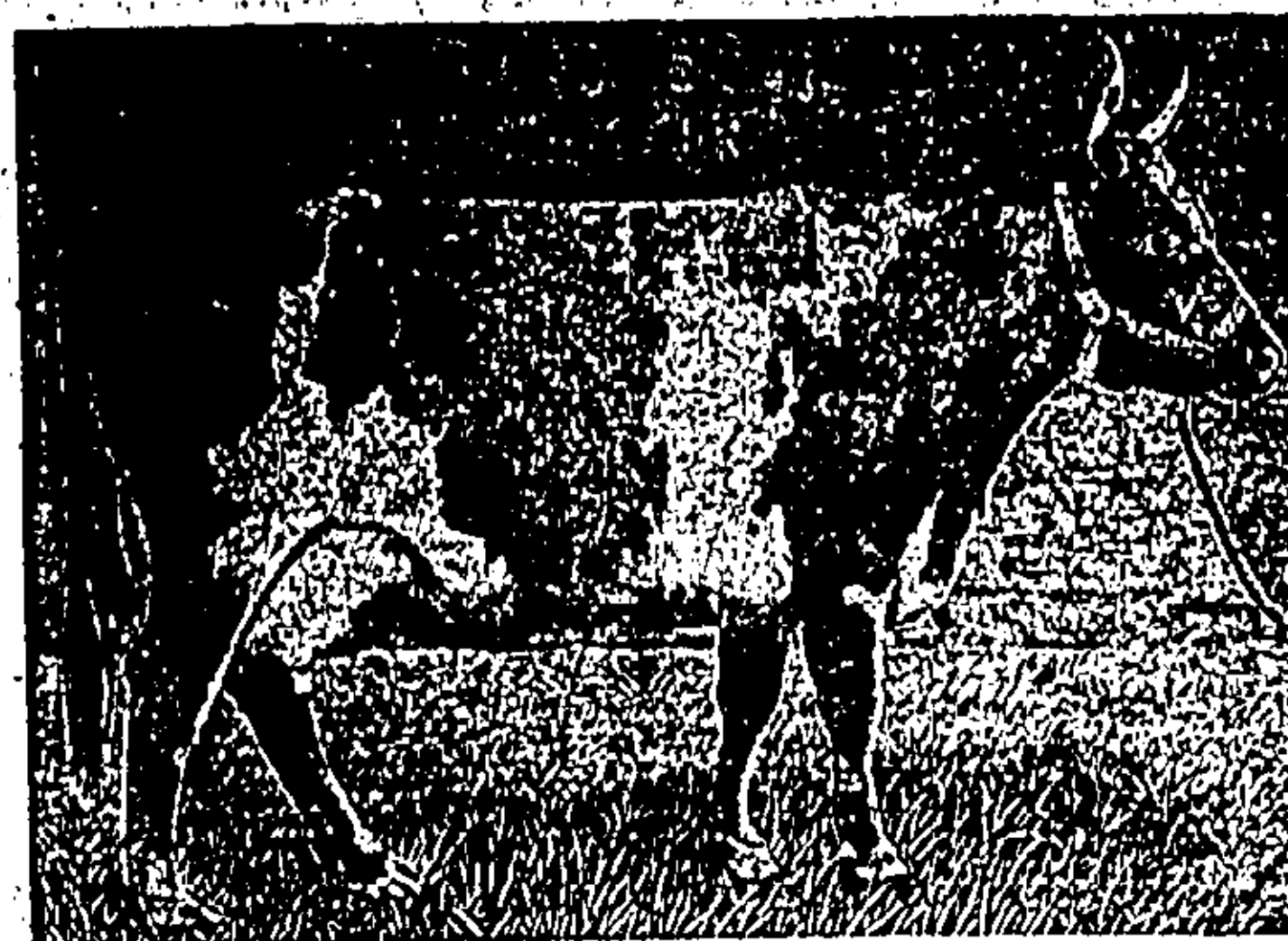
ALLEGED PICKPOCKET ARRESTED.

That he snatched a fountain-pen from a European named A. W. McMillen in Queen's Road near Hillier Street yesterday, was the charge preferred by Sub-Inspector Peter Grant against a Chinese before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning.

Accused was caught after a chase by an Indian constable, who stated that he found the pen on the Chinese and immediately returned it to complainant. Mr. McMillen wrote his name in the officer's note-book but gave no address. He was not present this morning and Inspector Grant asked for a remand to enable him to be found.

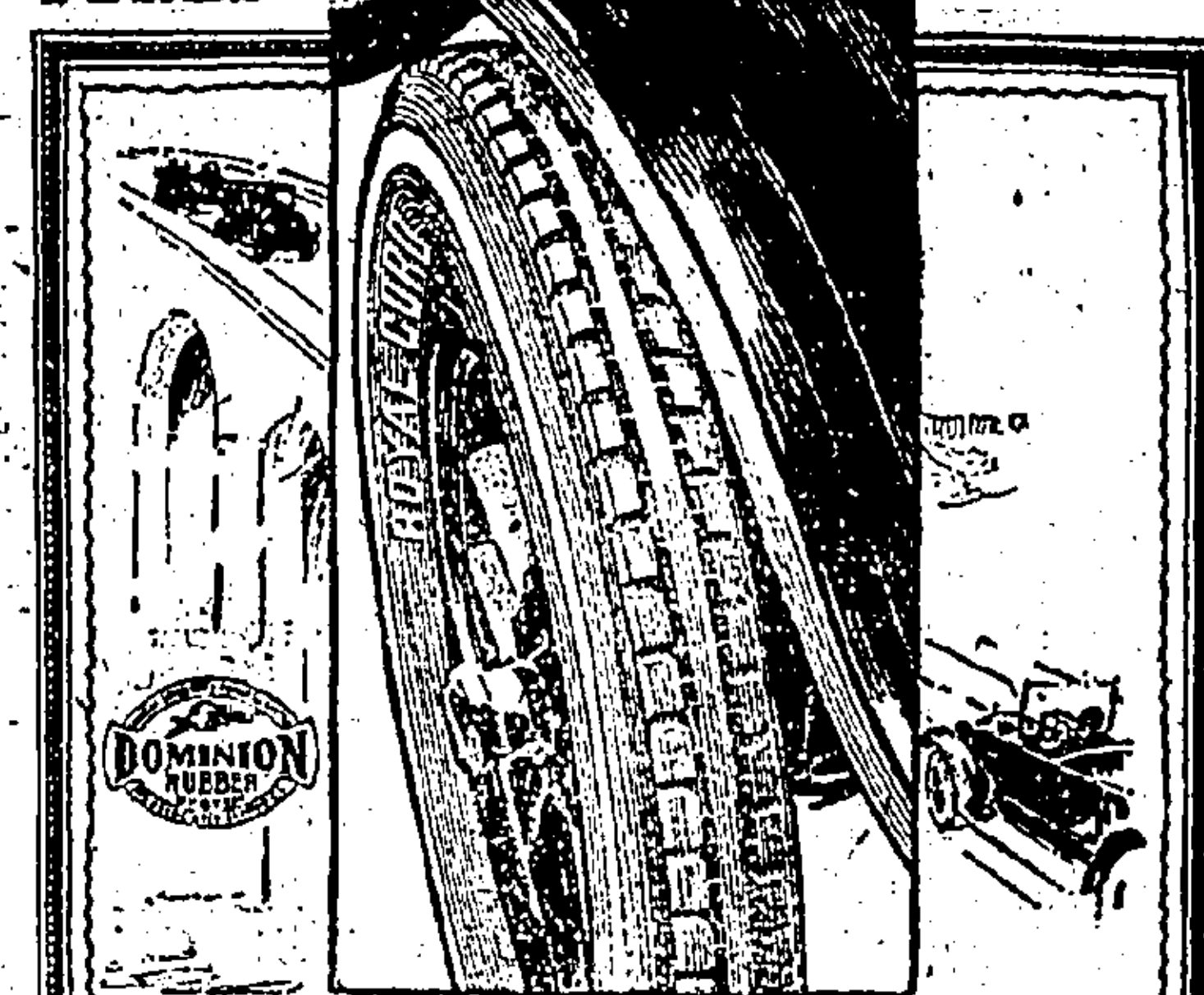
The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education, is going on long leave next Spring.

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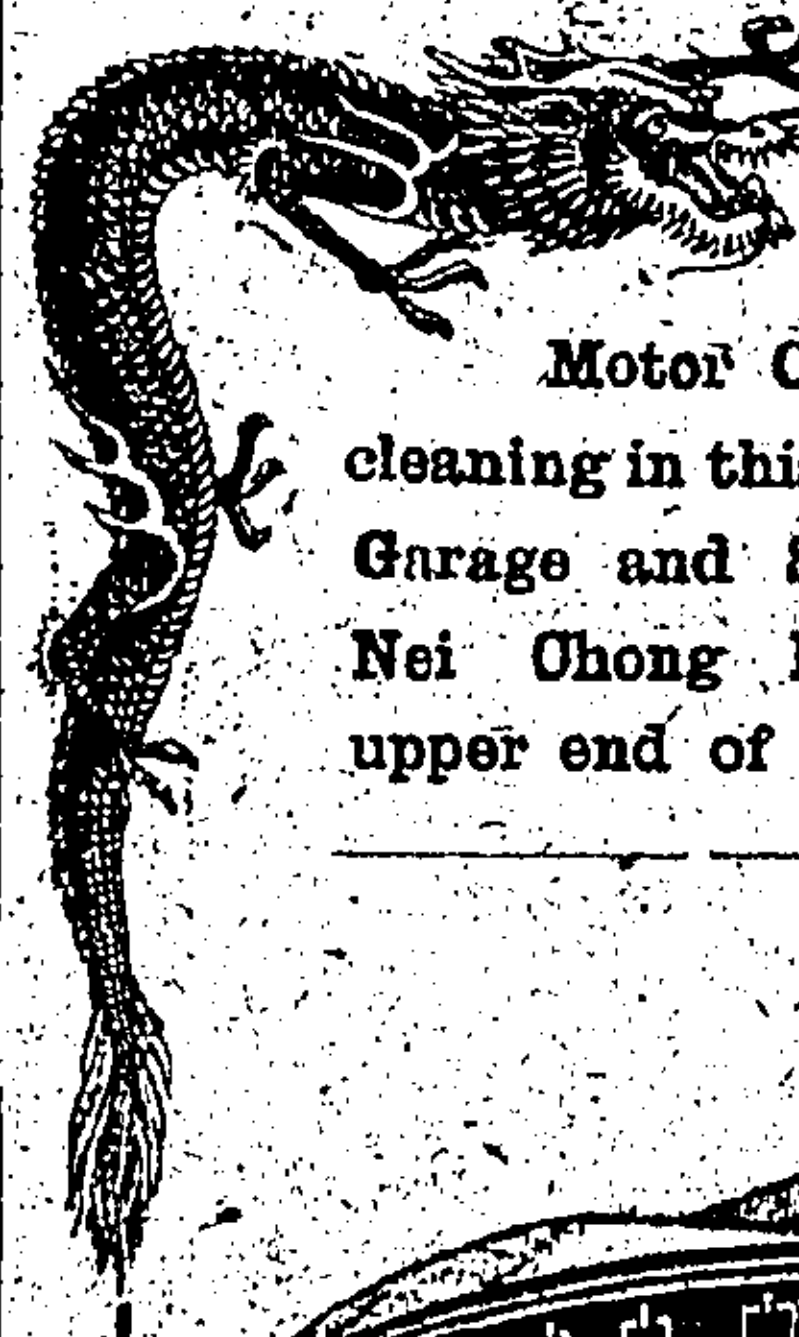
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5.-O.S.N.	Kayong.
5.-C.N.	Kajio Maru.
6.-O.S.N.	Kw. Chang.
7.-D.L.	Huichow.
7.-C.N.	Noochow.
8.-O.S.N.	Yong.
9.-O.S.N.	Amakusa Maru.
12.-O.S.N.	Foehing.
14.-O.S.N.	Sashu Maru.
16.-O.S.N.	

AMOY.

Aug. 5.-C.N.	Kayong.
5.-O.S.N.	Kajio Maru.
7.-D.L.	Huichow.
12.-O.S.N.	Amakusa Maru.
16.-O.S.N.	Foehing.

FOOCHOW.

Aug. 7.-D.L.	Huichow.
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SHANGHAI.

Aug. 4.-N.Y.K.	Nagato Maru.
4.-C.N.	Sinkiang.
5.-O.S.N.	Yaching.
5.-C.N.	Liangchow.
6.-C.N.	Szechuen.
6.-N.Y.K.	Moroka Maru.
6.-B.I.	Janus.
6.-B.F.	Patrolos.
7.-O.N.	Noochow.
7.-O.S.N.	Tikembang.
8.-O.S.N.	Lokang.
9.-O.S.N.	Esang.
9.-O.S.N.	Tonyo Maru.
10.-B.I.	Empress of Russia.
11.-N.Y.K.	Sengala.
11.-P.O.	Iyo Maru.
11.-O.S.N.	Dongola.
14.-O.S.N.	Foehing.
14.-A.O.L.	Pres. Jackson.
15.-P.M.	Pres. Cleveland.
15.-N.Y.K.	Mishima Maru.
15.-N.Y.K.	Tambo Maru.
16.-P.O.	Sicilia.
16.-T.K.K.	Korea Maru.
24.-O.S.N.	Empress of All.
24.-B.B.	Isla de Panay.
24.-A.O.L.	Pres. Jefferson.
25.-N.Y.K.	Shinyo Maru.
31.-T.K.K.	Resounda.
Sept. 2.-E.L.	Kasama.
5.-N.Y.K.	Shikoku Maru.
6.-O.S.N.	Empress of Asia.
7.-A.O.L.	Pres. Grant.
10.-T.K.K.	Siberia Maru.
19.-A.O.L.	Pres. Madison.
25.-O.S.N.	Empress of Canada.
25.-T.K.K.	Taiyo Maru.
Oct. 1.-O.S.N.	Empress of Russia.
Nov. 1.-O.S.N.	Empress of Asia.

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

Aug. 7.-P.M.	Late Faulk.
10.-N.Y.K.	Calcutta Maru.
11.-O.S.N.	Hosang.
15.-O.S.N.	Indo Maru.
20.-B.I.	Janca.
Aug. 4.-O.S.N.	Celebes Maru.
7.-P.O.	Soudan.
7.-L.T.	Duchessa D'Acosta.
10.-N.Y.K.	Colentina Maru.
16.-N.D.L.	Hakodato Maru.
16.-P.O.	Gottengo.
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BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

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AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Aug. 4.-E.A.	St. Albans.
10.-N.Y.K.	Easton.
19.-N.Y.K.	Tango Maru.

TSINGTAO.

Aug. 5.-O.S.N.	Sashu Maru.
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5.-B.F.

10.-B.A.	Telochia.
16.-P.O.	Ohle.
21.-P.O.	Milva.
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21.-P.O.	China.
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Aug. 4.-E.A.	St. Albans.
6.-A.O.L.	Pres. Jackson.
6.-P.M.	Pres. Cleveland.
7.-C.N.	Toan.
9.-T.K.K.	Tonyo Maru.
10.-B.F.	Pybros.
12.-O.S.N.	West Chopaka.
12.-O.S.N.	Aki Maru.
14.-A.O.L.	Monsterland.
17.-T.K.K.	Korea Maru.
17.-A.O.L.	Pres. Jefferson.
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SANDAKAN.

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Aug. 12.-U.S.S.R.	West Chopaka.
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JAVA PORTS, ETC.

Aug. 4.-J.C.L.	Tijliwang.
4.-N.Y.K.	Maccassar Maru.
7.-K.P.M.	Van Cloon.
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16.-P.O.	Gottengo.
19.-P.O.	Alipora.
20.-P.O.	Sicilia.
20.-O.S.N.	Banca.
20.-P.O.	Sumatra Maru.
Sept. 7.-P.O.	Sicilia.
12.-B.B.	Isla de Panay.
19.-N.D.L.	Ludwigshafen.
30.-P.O.	Soudan.
Oct. 3.-P.O.	Weser.
23.-P.O.	Sicilia.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Aug. 4.-E.A.	St. Albans.
10.-N.Y.K.	Easton.
19.-N.Y.K.	Tango Maru.

WHAT HAPPENS.

WHEN RIVER STEAMERS SPEED.

DANGERS FROM WASH.

CUSTOMS MAN'S COMPLAINT ANSWERED.

"The Steamboat Company has not yet seen fit to give increased speed to its passenger service; the journey between the two ports should not exceed 6 hours if the convenience of passengers is to be consulted."

Shown this extract from the Customs Trade Report, Mr. John Arnold, Secretary of the Canton and Macao Steamboat Company informed a *China Mail* reporter this morning that no complaints had ever been received about the time taken for the voyage between Canton and Hongkong, which, he showed by reference, to the log-book, averages about 6 1/2 hours. "The night-boats," said Mr. Arnold, "leave here at 10 p.m. and there is no necessity to reach Canton before 6.30 a.m. the following morning, as the Customs Authorities will not allow river-boats to go alongside the wharf before that hour. Of course, we could make the trip under six hours easily enough, if we had no regard for the passengers along the banks. Coming from Canton there are over 30 miles of paddling and steamers can only go full speed after leaving Tiger Island. Before reaching this island, it is necessary to slow down to between 6 and 8 knots on account of the low-lying, paddling. Even if a boat travels at a normal speed of 12 knots through this paddi zone, tremendous damage would be done to the banks. As regards the trip from Hongkong, as I said before, four vessels leave at 10 p.m. It is useless driving a ship to arrive here at 4 a.m. when we are not allowed alongside before 6.30 a.m."

THE DANGER OF WASH.

The banks of the river are constructed of loose blocks of stone, covered with mud and not cemented. When they receive the wash from a steamer, they soon collapse. I have seen a junk, caught by the wash of a steamer, proceeding at normal speed, carried clear over the river-bank into a paddi field. Another thing to remember is that the water is shallow from Whampoa to Canton, which prevents a boat being driven. Some years ago, a local Chinese conceived the idea of putting two 30-knot boats on the run, which would have meant the complete destruction of the paddi lands. Throughout the entire trip it is only possible to steam at full speed (12 to 16 knots) for between 50 to 60 miles. The boats, which leave Canton at 5 p.m., cannot exceed half to three-quarter speed until 6 p.m., and no vessel is allowed to rip along as the captain pleases through the harbour, so that it is impossible to do the journey quicker than our present schedule without doing damage to the paddi fields and river banks."

"CARNIVAL"

CINEMA GOER WAXES ELOQUENT.

(Contributed).

Artistically and morally, as was to be expected, Matheson Lang's production of 'Carnival' takes rank with the very best. Compared rather contrasted with those usually screened in this halfway dumping-ground between the United States and Europe, including super-productions 'Carnival' stands out like Fujiyama or (to be more local) Tai Mo Shan over the surrounding undulating country.

In what lies this great superiority? In the photography? In the scenic background? In the theme? In the appearance of the actors? In their acting whether playing leading or subordinate roles? Hardly. All these and many other factors that go to the production of a play—stage or screen—are good. But there is something more. We have, either in the theatre or in the cinema, witnessed as good stories, as appropriate staging and costumes, as fine looking actors and (perhaps) more beautiful actresses playing their parts in as convincing a manner. Nay, we can remember 'pictures' where the scenery was grander—'The Barrier' and 'The Storm'—and where the minor characters were more convincing—'The Barrier' again, 'Polcon'.

In what then lies the greatness of 'Carnival'? In its artistic unity. Analyse the play, each factor can be equalled or maybe excelled. Taken as a whole, there is none superior and few, very few, equal. To the average 'picture-goer,' probably the immense satisfaction derived is due to Matheson Lang's powerful acting, and unquestionably much of the enjoyment originates there. The theme must also share the honours—love, frail at its strongest, threatened with disaster, almost shattered by jealousy, yet ultimately strengthened and purified by knowledge—of self and loved-one. Perhaps the spectacular filled in and rounded off—the scenes in the gondolas, the riotous hilarity of a quick-pulsed people in *fête*, Bacchante dancing to admiring revellers.

To one at least of the audience, there was something bigger, wider, deeper, of more consequence. A modern interpretation—not version—of *Othello*, *The Moor of Venice*. Students of Shakespeare must often have wondered how he, if he were of our own instead of Elizabethan times, would write *Romeo and Juliet*, or *Hamlet*. In 'Carnival' there is a modern Desdemona, a modern Iago, a modern Othello (even to the syllables and accentuation of the names, Simonetta, Andrea, Silvio). Was Desdemona in her own circle what Simonetta is in hers? Are there still, in this twentieth century, Iagos—and Othellos? "Not for an age, but for all time."

The same—man's emotions are elemental. Centuries have made no difference—individually. Collectively! Perhaps. We are developing a sense of humour or justice (it's the same thing). The inter-

COMMERCIAL

HONGKONG NOTES AND COMMENT.

PIECEGOODS MARKET.

Activity in the local piecegoods market has now been switched to light woollen goods suitable for the coming fall. Sales have been made in some of the standard shops of popular shades and enquiries have been sustained. Chinese dealers have made profits ranging from 15 to 17 per cent. on their indent costs and the present outlook seems satisfactory. On the other hand, demand for heavy woollens has slackened off and prices are dropping.

Local quotations for fancy cottons have eased off as this is near the end of the season when there is little demand. Orders for next spring are also fewer but a fair volume of business has already been booked.

FLOUR AND SUGAR.

Despite bad times small orders are coming in for both flour and sugar as the Chinese must buy for the mid-autumn festival. A general tightening in prices for both commodities was evident this morning.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B.F.S. "Patrolos" from Liverpool left Singapore on Aug. 2 for this port and is due here on Aug. 6.
The B.F.S. "Dardana" from Liverpool left Singapore on Aug. 2 for this port and is due here on Aug. 6.
The B.F.S. "Sargol" from Marseilles, London and Rotterdam left Singapore on Aug. 2 for this port and is due here on Aug. 6. The vessel will be despatched at noon on Aug. 7.
The B.I. "Warina" left Bangkok for this port on Aug. 2 and is due here on Aug. 8.
The B.I. "Sengal" left Singapore for this port on Aug. 1 and is due here on Aug. 8.

LEAGUE TABLE.

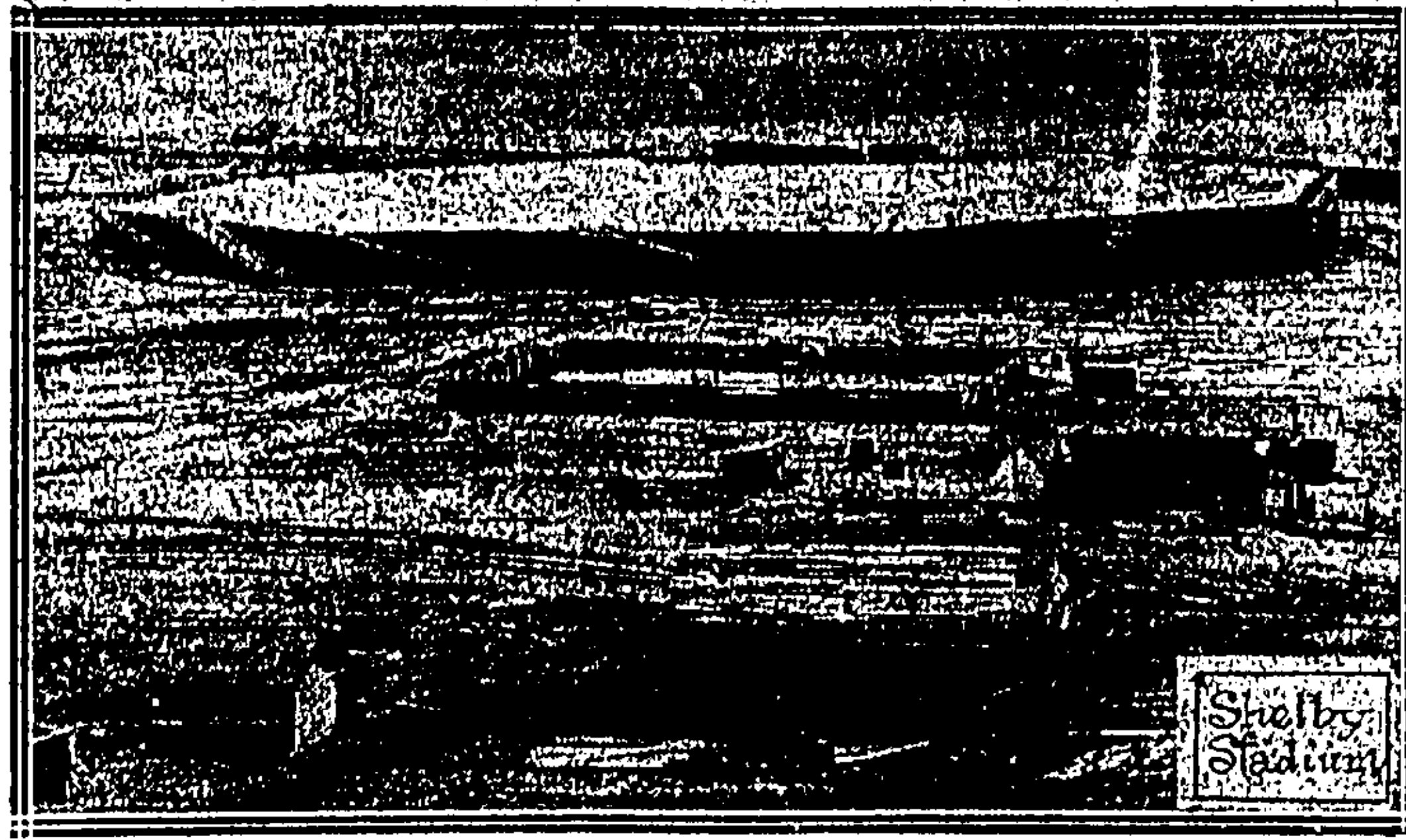
Results to August 2.

TEAMS.



Miss Dorothy Blair.

Miss Dorothy Blair, of Canton, won the hand-embroidered fez for being the prettiest Prophetess attending the convention of the Grotto, an order of Masons, in Cleveland.



Here is the first view of the almost completed stadium at Shelby, Montana, where Jack Dempsey will fight Tommy Gibbons for the world's heavyweight championship on July 4. In the foreground may be seen the outdoor training quarters where Gibbons will put on the final touches of his training.



Ivy Hawkes.

Miss Ivy Hawkes, of Surbiton, near London, a member of the Surrey Ladies' Swimming Club, has announced her determination to attempt to swim the English Channel. She has gone into training for the effort at Brighton.



Cadet Francis Rurick Johnson of Tacoma, was the first honour man in the graduating class at the United States Military Academy, at West Point, New York.



Miss Ruth Johnson.

Miss Ruth Johnson, of Livingston, is the only woman manager of a gold and gem mine in the world. All the stones and precious metals are taken out of the earth under her personal direction. Before engaging in the mining business Miss Johnson was a designer of fancy gowns and millinery in Chicago and Los Angeles.



Col. de Gay Stivers, Alvin Owsley & Bill Hagen.

Colonel Alvir Owsley, Commander of the American Legion, recently paid a visit to the Anaconda Mines at Butte, Montana, and was taken to the 2,600-foot level, where he watched the mining operations. He is shown here in the centre, with Colonel DeGay Stivers, an official of the Anaconda Mining Company, and Bill Hagen, assistant foreman of the Leonard Mine, who acted as his guide.



Mlle. Jung Clemenceau.

Mlle. Jung Clemenceau, of Paris, youngest daughter of the former Premier of France, has made arrangements to collaborate with Miss Mabel Theresa Bonney, a young writer, who has won honours abroad, on a series of fashion articles for the leading American publications. She will aid Miss Bonney in collecting the material and designs for the fashion articles, which will appear in 300 periodicals.



Lieut. Gov. W.C. Nichol.

Declaring he would play his first game of golf on a Canadian course during his visit to Vancouver, B. C., on his return from Alaska, President Harding challenged Lieutenant-Governor W. C. Nichol to meet him in an 18-hole match.



Miss Victoria Lowden.

Miss Victoria Lowden, a prominent Boston attorney, is Secretary of the Donald MacMillan Arctic Expedition and is in charge of all the work preliminary to the sailing of the "Bowdoin" from Wiscasset. Her only regret is that she will not be permitted to take the long voyage into the frozen North with the explorers and scientists.

HOP! HOP! HOP! His name is **FLEA** and who can say from where he has hopped, or on what he has been hopping before? This dangerous little culprit, size for size, is many times stronger than a man—his spring is a hundred times his height, but the danger comes from his hopping and wandering habits amongst filth and disease, making him one of the most formidable enemies to human health ever known. Science blames this miscreant for spreading the worst disease epidemics of the world—from the ravishing plagues of early Egypt to that which breaks out in this town. **DO NOT TRUST HIM.** He minds not what he feeds on, nor what he bites. He breeds in dust and darkness. He laughs at ordinary disinfectants, which cannot reach him in his hidden lairs and breeding places. **HERE IS THE ONE SURE, QUICK, CLEAN WAY** to penetrate the wily defences of Mr. Flea and his kindred pests without bother.

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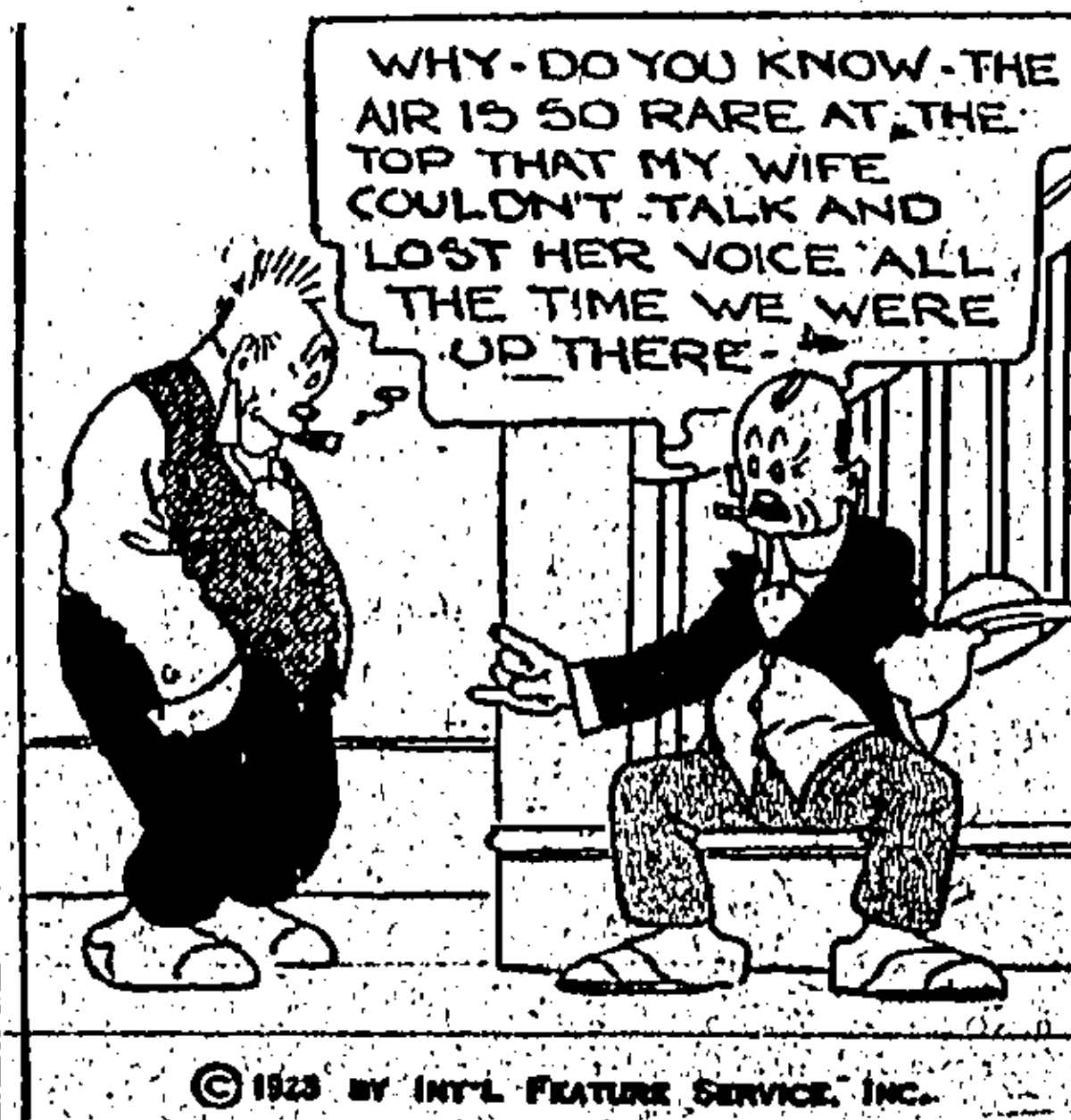
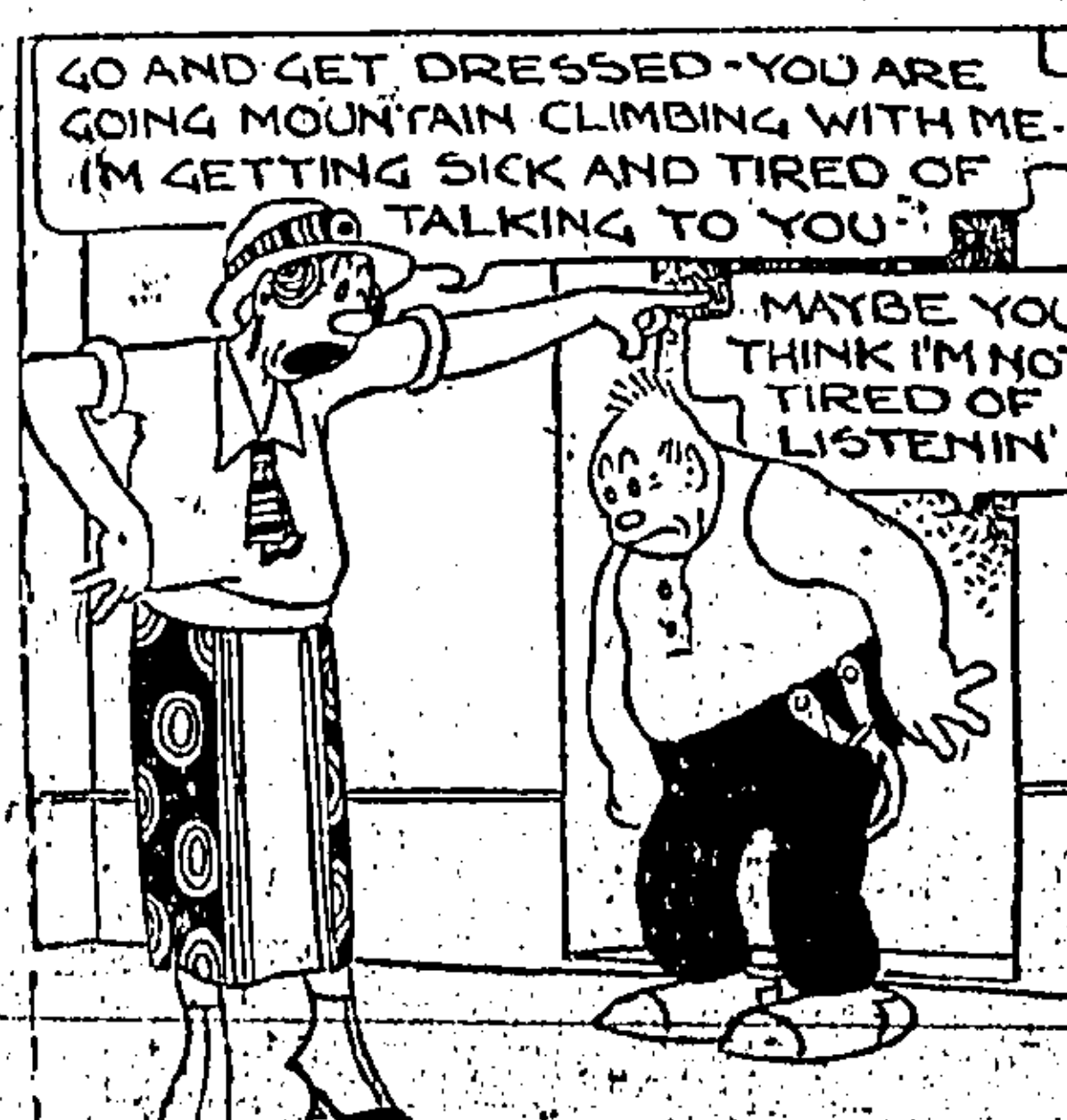
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HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been
compiled at the National Almanac Office
in London from the results of the analysis
of observations taken by means of an
automatic tide-recording machine in the
Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui
during the years 1905-9.
The zero of the table corresponds with
the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty
Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet
below mean sea-level.
To obtain the depth of water on the
tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard
add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge
at Lamoon Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet
4 inches to the depths given in the table.

July 24 to 30, 1923.

Date	Time	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Standard Time	Height in Feet	Standard Time	Height in Feet
Tue. 24	5.45	5.45	1.2	1.25	1.2
Wed. 25	6.15	6.15	1.2	1.25	1.2
Thurs. 26	6.45	6.45	1.2	1.25	1.2
Fri. 27	7.15	7.15	1.2	1.25	1.2
Sat. 28	7.45	7.45	1.2	1.25	1.2
Sun. 29	8.15	8.15	1.2	1.25	1.2
Mon. 30	8.45	8.45	1.2	1.25	1.2

Board of Conservancy Works of Kowloon.

Waterlevels in English Feet at 8 a.m.

Place of Observation	W.L. recorded	W.L. recorded	W.L. recorded
Wuchow	+70.50	-2.42	57.3
Kowloon	+14.70	-0.50	—
North River	+57.00	0	—
South River	+27.50	-0.00	24.5
East River	+15.10	-0.00	14.3

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There will be no collection of letters from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary and correspondence on Saturday, and also one delivery of registered correspondence from the G.P.O. at 9 a.m.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

INWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3.

Shanghai Japan and Shanghai... President Jackson

Canada U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai... President Jackson

EUROPE via Suez (papers only, London 5th July)... Janus

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5.

Shanghai Japan and Shanghai... Pres. Cleveland

U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai... Pres. Cleveland

Shanghai... Soochow

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

LONDON Letters via Brindisi 10th July... Patroclus

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

Bangkok... Warina

Straits... Sangola

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11.

EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Papers, London 12th July and Parcel 4th July)... Dongola

OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3.

Java via Surabaya... Teurugian Maru... 5 p.m.
Haw Hsin... 5 p.m.
Tel. 200 Maru... 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4.

Hohow... Haitan... 9 a.m.
Lansang... 10 a.m.

Manila, Sandakan, AUSTRALIA and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due

Thursday Island 17th Aug. Parcel 3rd

5 p.m. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters

10.30 a.m.

Shanghai... St. Albans

Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Mar... Sinking... 2.30 p.m.

Manila... Celebes Maru... 3.30 p.m.

Amoy... Hyson... 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5.

Manila, AUSTRALIA and New Zealand via

Thursday Island—due Thursday Island

20th Aug. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters

9.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa... 9 a.m.

Manila... Free Jackson... 9 a.m.

Java via Surabaya... Tjilwang... 9 a.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6.

Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Mar... 9 a.m.

Swatow and Bangkok... 9 a.m.

Manila... Free Jackson... 9 a.m.

Shanghai... Tjilwang... 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

Straits, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles

—due Marseilles 4th Sept. Registration

9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Mar... 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa... 9 a.m.

Manila... Free Jackson... 9 a.m.

Java via Surabaya... Tjilwang... 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Mar... 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa... 9 a.m.

Manila... Free Jackson... 9 a.m.

Shanghai... Tjilwang... 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9.

Straits, Japan, Canada, United States

Central & South America & EUROPE

via VANCOUVER, B.C.—due Vancouver

7th Aug. Parcel 3rd. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Manila, Formosa, Shanghai, Japan, Hong-
kong & SAN FRANCISCO—due San
Francisco 10th Sept.

*Correspondence bearing vessels names only.

WEATHER REPORT.

August 3h. 10d. 35m.—Warning
to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.:—
Depression or typhoon of unknown
intensity with 120 miles of low L. at
19 N. Long. 121 E., moving W.N.W.

August 3d. 10h. 50m.—Pressure
has decreased moderately from
Formosa to Kwangtung and slightly
at Manila. It has increased
slightly over Tongking.

The typhoon has curved again.
At 6 a.m. this morning it was in
about Lat. 19 N. and Long. 121 E.,
moving W.N.W.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1st, 45.37 inches.
Against an average of 53.04 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on August 4, 1923.

1.—Formosa Channel. N.E. winds
strong.

2.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Lanchow. N.W. to N.
winds, moderate to fresh; fine at first,
cloudy later.

3.—Hongkong to Cap Rock. N.W. to
N. winds, moderate to fresh; fine at
first, cloudy later.

4.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Hainan. N.W. to N.
winds, moderate to fresh; fine at first,
cloudy later.

ASTAL OBSERVATORY,
HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT

AUGUST 3, 1923.—a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Temperature	Humidity	Direction	Force	Wind
Victoria Peak	6.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	7.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	8.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	9.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	10.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	11.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	12.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	13.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	14.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	15.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	16.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	17.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	18.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	19.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0
Victoria Peak	20.5	29.83	67	85	SE	4	0